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Global cuts holidays by £500,000

Global Holidays has announced a reduction in its brouchure prices for 1984 of more than £500,000, with savings of £50 on many of last year's hoilday

It is the latest move in the price-cutting war which has already seen the three largest tour operators reduce their

Ship intercepted

An Argentine cargo vessel infringed the 150-mile Falkland Islands protection zone, on Christmas Eve, but left after being seen by RAF fighters, the Ministry of Defence said.

Union rift

The National Union of Mineworkers is trying to set up an alternative to Trade Unions for Labour Victory, and political fund-raising body Page 2

Cuban risk

fighting in southern Angola between South African and Angolas: moops

Afghan appeal

countries marked the fourth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan with an appeal to Moscow to withdraw its forces

Reuters check

The Labour Party is to press for Parliament to examine the decision by its directors to float the Reuters new agency on the

Village rebels The residents of a Lower

Saxony village are resisting British Army of the Rhine plans to build a mock village in the vicinity to practice anti-guerilla

Simpler rules The City Takeover Panel, which

supervises company bids and mergers, is to simplify its rule book, according to Mr John Hignett, the outgoing director

National knack

Burrough Hill Lad, a heavilybacked favourite, gave Jenny Pitman, the trainer, her second Welsh Grand National win at Chepstow

Botham booked

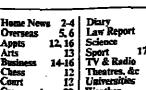
lan Botham, the England cricket all-rounder, was booked for a foul tackle when playing football for Scunthorpe United. Page 17

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Scots steel threat renewed after US deal collapses

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

million pound "steel swap" deal profitability, between Britain and the United States have been abandoned, posing a renewed threat to the survival of the Ravenscraig

steelworks in Scotland.

The project, to sell Ravens craig steel slabs to United States Steel of Pennsylvania, was finally laid to rest last night in simultaneous announcements from London and New York. Mr Robert Haslam, chairman

of the British Steel Corporation said that the corporation still wanted to phase out one of its three strip mills - the other two are at Port Talbot and Llanwern in South Wales. We are not saying that Ravenscraig is eventually the works that will close, but its long-term future is in doubt'

Ravenscraig employs about 4,000 workers of whom about half work in the strip mill. Their talks with the Government

Mr Haslam added that the joint project had been a brave concept and if it had been pulled off "it would have ensured more jobs being re-tained in British Steel".

British Steel, which is losing about £2.5m a week, and has ruled out reaching break-even ment. Faced with the pressing in 1983-84, hoped the joint need to end its present losses,

Proposals for a unique multi- venture would help it back to

The plan was to smelt Australian iron ore at Ravenscraig into steel slabs for United States Steel's loss-making Fairless works in Pennsylvania. British Steel was to have invested a huge sum, initially \$600m (£400m), into United States Steel to finance modernization of outdated American works and in return would have secured markets for

But last night's statement said that terms mutually beneficial to both companies could not be concluded. It was agreed to end discussions so that other options available to both could be pursued. One option would be for British Steel to supply slab to US Steel on a normal commercial contract basis.

Ravenscraig output.

Mr Haslam said the disfuture would be resolved in cussions had represented an attempt by the two corporations to find solutions to serious problems which could not be the implications of the outcome should not be misunderstood by anyone. In the case of British Steel, the problem remains of wide strip capacity, surplus to foreseeable market requirement. Faced with the pressing

BSC will have to examine all

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The joint venture proposal was the brainchild of the previous BSC chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, and Mr David Roderick, chairman of US steel. Mr Haslam, who took over at British Steel in September, said last night that the gap between the two companies had widened: "US steel have steadily increased their asking price, while we wanted to pull back from our original position."

The venture has been opposed on both sides of the Atlantic by trade union and political leaders and church men, but Mr Haslam said: Opponents should not regard it as a victory or draw solace from it because the basic underlying problems still remain. It removes some uncertainty and we can now proceed to bring our corpor-ation into line with our view of the market."

Mr Haslam refused to be problems which could not be drawn on which of the strip ignored. "It is important that mills would be affected. The corporation is ocmmitted to a £170m modernization at Port Talbot, which appears to have the most secure future.

On the question of redundancies, Mr Haslam said the corporation had gone through a Continued on page 2, col 3

American plants face closure

From Bailey Morris, Washington

further round of heavy job losses yesterday as directors of the giant US Steel Corporation met to vote on the closure of as many as six outmoded plants.

The \$1bn retrenchment would be the biggest since 1979, when America's largest steelmaker closed 13 plants and laid off a huge workforce employed There is a growing risk of in smaller towns which have Cuban involvement in the still not recovered from the closures.

The decision to consider The decision to consider has not made a profit in any more large scale closures came quarter since 1981. It has after the United Steelworkers' Union refused the company's demands for big new wage concessions. US Steel warned union leaders that it would have other large American steel no choice but to close plants in companies has led to renewed it.

Ohio and Pennsylvania. By cutting capacity sharply,

US Steel apparently hopes to

lower its break-even point from 70 per cent to 50 per cent of capacity in an effort to achieve what many believe to be an impossible dream - a profit in steel next year.

Because of a combination of factors such as world overproduction of steel, the recession and inefficient plants, US Steel

experienced pretax operating losses of £1.35bn over the last ven quarters.
The plight of US Steel and

The US steel industry faced a Illinois, Alabama, New Jersey, calls for tighter limits on imports from Europe, Japan and the Third World. These demands are likely to swell in the coming electiom year, because of the large lay-offs and an intense campaign by the steel industry.

The Reagan Administration has also been trying to reduce the competition from low-cost Third World steel producers by pressing its allies in the industrialized world to reduce their subsidies for coastruction of steel mills in less developed nations. But despite a strong 241 American servicemen in American diplomatic effort Japan and Austria have opposed the plan and the British

Rajiv fitted for the Gandhi mantle

Calcutta

Mrs Indira Gandhi swept into the Bengali capital yesterday to preside over the first plenary session of her party since 1972. The 8,000 or so delegates, mostly clad in traditional white dhoti and Nehru jacket topped with a Gandhi cap, appear, however, to be attending a service of conse-cration for her son Rajiv.

Rajiv Gandhi was a simple airline pilot with a nice Italian wife until the death of his brother Sanjay. The he 100 donned the white homespun uniform of a Congress politician and became his mother's closest adviser. Since posts in the party have

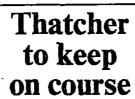
ceased to be elective, she nominated him as General Secretary and leader of the youth wing of the party. Now, apparently, the time has come to anoint him officially as the apparent heir. Rajiv's presence is dominat-

ing the city. True, there are posters showing Mrs Gandhi herself 12ft tall with hand upraised in a Roman imperial salute, and a slogan such as "Leader of Leaders: Champion of World Peace". But there are almost as many – smaller – posters of Rajiv, labelled: being an opportunity for the content of the c Hope".

As you get closer to the likely to be much more conference hall the posters of Rajiv become more and more ditional party conference. dense. Just outside the driveway is a triumphal gateway, draped in orange green and white, the colours of both India and the Congress Party, bearing the legend in foot high letters "Hope is Youth: Youth is to prepare the activists for the true or the left and "Long" on Future" on the left, and "Long struggle to come. Live Rajiv Gandhi" on the

Just outside the hall his face, 8ft high, with two and a half feet of blue-chinned jowl, peers at the assembling congressmen from under a Gandhi cap like theirs. Inside the hall the previous leaders of the Indian National Congress are companels hung on the balcony.
The plaques begin with a commemoration of A O Hume, the Emiliary session is also the first of a series of events commemorating the centenary the Englishman who first conceived the Congress Party, and then run through the Bannerjees and Nehrus who presided over it. The last plaque

says simply: "Long Live Rajiv The meeting is unusual in a number of other ways. Previous party conferences have been



nation to hold firm to its keynote theme of the Prime her party at the weekend.

not be wasted.

Rajîv

dynasty:

Gandhi and his mother.

held after elections to party

office, and debates in the conference held to influence

party policy and win reelection for the delegates from their constituents. Without elections

the delegates have a constitu-

ency of only one or perhaps two persons to please - Mrs Gandhi

and son. Disagreement with her

Instead of the conference

of the grass roots workers, it is

likely to be much more of a

preelection rally than a tra-

The general election must

This is the first Congress

that has been held in a state not

controlled by Congress. The

Communist Party (Marxist) which dominates the left front coalition running West Bengal

has, however, done its best to

make sure that everything goes

commemorating the centenary of the founding of the Indian

National Congress. Its inaugural

meeting actually took place in Bombay on December 28, 1885.

But this represented an amalga-

mation or other bodies and

other meetings, the first of which was the national confer-

ence held in Calcutta 100 years

smoothly.

ago today.

come within the next 12 months

policies is therefore unlikely.

Her message of guarded optimism is unlikely to contain any specific promise about a that if Britain sticks to its steady path the benefits for the country in the late 1980s could be great. At the same time Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, in his new year message will be emphazing the crucial import-ance to the party of next year's European parliamentary elec-tions and the local elections in May, which he regards as a

that the party's improved showing in the polls since he Continued on back page, col 1 been done recently

By Philip Webster Political Reporter The Government's determi-

present economic course in the nursuit of rewards in the next decade is expected to be the Minister's new year message to After what ministers concede

has been a surprisingly difficult few months - given the size of the Conservative Party's general election victory last June - Mrs Margaret Thatcher will tell the Tory faithful that the tough policies pursued by the Government since 1979 are improving the industrial and economic climate, and that the sacrifices which have been made should

reduction in unemployment, but the general theme will be significant electoral test. The Labour leader believes

ine contingent at the time would not be court-martialled because of inadequate security arrangements at the compound. I do not believe that the local commanders on the

ground - men who have already suffered quite enough - should

Beirut on October 23.

President Reagan, speaking properly rests here in this office can forces were by tradition and in his capacity as Commanderand with this President. And I training inadequately equipped in-Chief of the US Armed Focuses said yesterday that he fook full blame for the deaths of accept responsibility for the bad to deal with terrorists. as well as the good."

The main thrust The President delayed his statement was the need for the

Face to face: The Pope talking in jail yesterday to Mehmet Ali Agea, the man who is

serving a life sentence for trying to kill him two years ago.

Reagan accepts blame for

241 Beirut bomb deaths

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

departure for a week's holdiday US and other Western democthe terrorist bombing of the in California by half an hour to racies to develop a new American Marines headquarters make a special statement in approach to the problem. Pentagon's report on the Beirut "civilized countries must begin bombing. "civilized countries must begin a new effort to work together, to Saying that American troops were not properly equipped to deal with the "new phenom-

The report, said to be share intelligence, to improve extremely critical of security our training and security of our enon of state-supported terrorism", he made clear that the arrangements at the Marine officers commanding the Marheadquarters, was to have been released at the end of last week, but was delayed at the last moment because of divisions within the Administration over how to present it. It is now around the world". expected to released later this

week, with some deletions. Mr Reagan said he had read the Pentagon report, prepared be punished for not many commission headen by a commission headen by today's terrorist threat," the President said.

President said.

The punished for not many by a commission headen by retired Admiral Robert Long and "wholeheartedly agreed" with its conclusion that Ameri-

Kremlin power vacuum worries President

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

In an end-of-year assessment of US-Soviet relations, President Reagan has expressed the ailing President Andropov and a new tendency by military leaders to make warlike statements without obtaining authorization from the political

However, in an interview with Time magazine, he said there was less danger of a war between the superpowers than when he took office.

The interview was noteworthy for its conciliatory tone and the moderate view of the Soviet Union expressed by Mr Reagan. Asked if he would repeat a remark he had previously made about Russia being the "focus of evil", he replied: "No. I would not say things like that again, even after some of the things that have

He explained that he had used tough language to "show them how we felt, what our concern about the problems of views were and why he thought dealing with the Kremlin under it necessary to build up our military defence.... "What more of an inter-

national superpower they could be if it was not just in the military that they were super, but if they could join the family of nations as trading partners, working together, as all of us are, for the improvement of their own people's standard of living.

The President did not refer directly to the illness which has kept President Andropov out of the public eye for four months, but admitted that the US had a "lack of information about where he stands. It isn't like dealing with Brezhnev after years in the Kremlin. You knew where he was and felt you knew how to reach him."

Andropov analysis, page 6

Bargain-hunters out in force

By Tony Samstag and John Witherow

After the Harrods bomb

blast, the Home Office an-nounced that an extra 700 policeman were being assigned to central London and there

were large numbers of mi-

formed and plainclothes police-

men on duty yesterday.

Despite an musually low

start, which department store spokesmen unanimously attri-

buted to curtailed London

Transport services and parking

restrictions, by mid-morning

business was beeming.

Thousands of bargain-hunters, undeterred by the fear of further bombings, carried on shopping almost as usual in central London yesterday, the first day of the post-Christmas

If the Harrods bombing of December 17, which killed six, and the small explosion opposite Selfridges on Christmas night had been intended to disrupt, they had clearly failed. The police said that they had located dozens of suspicious packages and there had been one controlled explosion in

Baker Street of a parcel. It had not been a bomb. Parking restrictions had remained in force, unlike normal bank holidays, and about 50 cars had been towed

Crowds milled along Oxford away for illegal parking in the Street, with many eating and drinking al fresco in the Scotland Yard said that its appeal for people to travel by public transport had been partially effective and there had been fewer cars than normal at the start of the sales. bly mild weather.

unseasonably mild weather.

Liberty thought that there were fewer people this year, but they were more determined. Casual shoppers might have stayed at home, but "those with their eye on something" were out in force (Sales guide, back page).

Police Constable John

Gordon, who lost a leg in the Harreds explosion, was still in "critical but stable" condition terday. Police Sergeant Christopher Stanger and Police Sergeant Andrew Melham, who were also injured were both said to be making good progress.

The Pope blesses assailant in jail

By Our Foreign Staff

Mehmet Ali Agca went down on his knees yesterday in repentance before the Pope, the man he once tried to kill, and received forgiveness and papal embrace.

The Pope saw him privately in his cell for 20 minutes during a tour of Rabibbia jail in Rome. Agea is serving part of his life sentence there for shooting the Pope on May 13, 1981. He paced the bare cell waiting for the Pope to arrive

and when he entered Agea bent and kissed his ring. Ages, unshaven and wearing blue jeans and a blue crew-neck sweater appeared tease but the

Pope put him at ease. So this is where you stay.". the Pope said in Italian.

'Ves", Agea replied with a "How do you feel, do you feel all right?" the Pope, who wore

a white cassock, asked him. He answered "yes". The two men then sat down knee to knee on plastic chairs placed close together before the cell's radiator.

They whispered into each other's ears. Both men often held their heads in their hands and the Pope took Agca's hands in his several times. The meeting had a sombre,

confessional atmosphere, with

the Pope often bringing his head close to Agea's lips to hear him. Agea once wiped his Before they parted, Agca knelt before the Pope and kissed his hands, one still

bis gun, The Pope wished him Happy New Year and gave him a silver and mother-of-pearl rosary.

marked by a bullet wound from

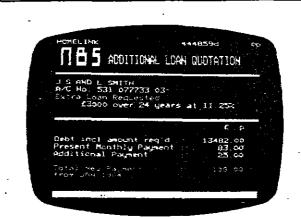
"Grazie, Grazie," "Thank you, Thank you," Agea replied.

Afterwards the Pope said: "I spoke as to a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." But he would not say what they had talked about. That is a secret that must remain between me and him", be said.

"I also believe that the meeting today is providential. It was not planned or programmed, but it took place. And the Lord gave us the grace men and as brothers."

Later, talking to women prisoners at the jail, he elaborated his theme: Providence had intervened in an "extraordinary and also wonderful way in that today after two years, I'm able to meet my assailant and repeat the pardon that I expressed immediately toward him and was later to declare publicly when I was able from the bospital".

The 20-minute ercounter caused outrage in Turkey where Agea has been con-demned to death for murdering a newpaper editor.



The main thrust of his

For terrorists to be curbed

forces, to deny a haven or legal

protection for terrorist groups. And most important of all 10

hold increasingly accountable those countries which sponsor

terrorism and terrorist activity

■ BEIRUT: Two British soldi-

ers with the multinational force

suffered slight injuries yesterday

when an explosive device went

off as their Ferret scout car

drove by. (Our Correspondent

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general and local elections.

conference decisions.

Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, has also asked the miners: "Do we smell a witch-hunt here?"

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TULV and general secretary of the General, Mu-

nicipal, Boilmakers and Allied

the breakaway move, which could cause the five-year-old organization to founder.

So far, the miners have not

replied, although the NUM circular makes specific charges despite denials, that Trade Unions for Labour Victory is a

The Scargill letter claims that

TULV leaders met in the House of Commons to ensure that

there was no contested election

for the leader-deputy leader of the Labour Party in election

Prisoners

protest

over parole

Two prisoners are staging a

rooftop protest at Long Lartin

maximum security prison near

Evesham, Hereford and Wor-

policy-making body.

prisoners, and are huddled in a

 Two prisoners who escaped from Stafford jail late on Monday, were recaptured in Madeley, Staffordshire, yester-day. Terry Kirk, aged 38, and Kerth Lane, aged 19, had used sheets knotted together to scale the perimeter wall.

Kirk has served six months of a 57-month prison sentence for incest, burglary, and possessing a firearm. Lane had served three months of a two-year sentence for burglary.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor Political warfare has broken out within Trade Unions for Labour Victory, the umbrella body formed to channel cash to should be no increase in trade Labour Party conference dethe Labour Party to fight union affiliation fees and "as a cisions".

Scargill leads move to

replace unions'

political finance body

result no motion was discussed The National Union of on trade union contribution" at Mineworkers has invited "interthis year's conference, it is ested persons and organizaclaimed. tions" to quit the TULV and The miners further allege: join a rival concern dedicated to "The TULV is an alternative service of funding for the the left-wing 1983 election manifesto and Labour Party

Labour Party, and as such can determine how to grant money Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, said last night. "I to the party and on what terms. This power over the purse strings has frequently led to discussions between the TULV stand by the union's position on TULV". This is contained in a and Mr Mortimer on matters of three-page confidential circular policy."
All these charges are hotly denied in a circular prepared by to other militant unions warning them that the fund-raising body "is bringing financial and political pressure to bear on the Labour Party to amend policy".

the TULV executive which is being sent to constituent unions. It insists that there has His hardline initiative has been condemned by union moderates as "clearly intended to be highly divisive", but Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general been no coordination of votes about the party leadership and describes as "totally false" the

nas decided to authorize the national officials to conduct discussions with other interested parties and organizations to provide the necessary machine. machinery whereby the role of



(left) and Mr Mostyn Evans, who suspects a witch-hunt by

They had also met Mr James the TULV may be superfluous, Mortimer, general secretary of and unity can be sought on the the party, to tell him that there basis of the 1983 manifesto and

The miners' initiative is so far falling on stony ground. Moderates who dominate the TULY executive committee say that the creation of a rival organization would be "ex-tremely unhelpful at a time when the party is being reestablished, and when the TULY has preserved trade union unity throughout the past

It seems certain, however, that Mr Scargill will continue sniping at the unions' political cash organization, which has already suffered the defection of the right-wing Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers on grounds embarrassingly similar to the charges made by the NUM

describes as "totally false" the allegation that the unions' power over the purse strings has led to policy talks with party officials.

The NUM document disclose that the TULV received an income from affiliated unions of £235,000 in 1981-82 and £306,000 in 1982-83. Its cash closes that the miners' executive

recently had observer status within the TULV, and received relevant documents from it, but even that connexion has been severed in the wake of NUM allegations that regional TULV bodies have actively cam-paigned against the selection of certain candidates and elsewhere have used their financial clout to influence regional . Those charges are also

internal conflict bound to embarrass Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, who wants an end to fratricidal activity within the party.

Tories urge review of obscenity law

By Our Political Reporter Mr Leon Brittan, the Home counter at other shops in some

Secretary, is coming under fresh pressure from Conservative MPs to review the operation of cester. They climbed up on the Obscene Publications Act.
Monday with the help of other MPs are complaining that i MPs are complaining that the present obscenity law is resultcrude shelter on top of a water ing in insufficient convictions and is easy to evade. The men. Mark Leech, aged

The men, Mark Leech, aged It is pointed out that a 26, who has served a year of a situation has arisen in which, five-year sentence for theft and although the Government has wounding with intent, and given councils powers to close Stephen Robson, aged 25, jailed for nine years last June for powers, equally offensive matrobbery and possessing a fire-arm, are protesting at the Home

Mr Edward Taylor, Con-servative MP for Southend East, said yesterday. The Obscene Publications Act needs desperately to be reviewed. The definition of what is obscene needs to be more flexible because at present juries have to decide whether material is likely to deprave or corrupt, and that is the sticking point.

MPs plan to raise the issue at meetings with Mr private

Secretary's decision not to give parole to prisoners serving long sentences for violence. Churches' plea on oil rig

to avert the loss of more than 4,000 jobs at Scott Lithgow.

The Lower Clydeside yard

The churches, in a joint statement, said: "For the sake of many thousands of people in the west of Scotland, we

The Church of Scotland and earnestly request you to discuss Cardiff and other events. the Roman Catholic Church in urgently terms for the resump-Scotland appealed yesterday to tion of building exploration rig British Shipbuilders and Britoil contract 2002 at Scott Lith-

Britoil cancelled the order last week. The rig should have faces closure because of Britoil's been delivered next spring, but cancellation of an £86m oil rig it is estimated to be up to 500 order.

days behind schedule. British Shipbuilders said afterwards that it could not afford penalty Letters, Page 11 ties."

(Photograph: Suresh Karadia). **TUC** wants action on tax evaders

Early risers: Snow drops (Galanthus Caucasicus) flowering in the rock garden at Kew Gardens, west London, yesterday

By Our Labour Editor

SAS increases checks on

potential trouble spots

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

COUD.

frigate.

The Government is accused prosecuting poor social security scroungers than rich tax

In a report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the TUC demands tougher action against all forms of tax evasion, including publication of the names of defaulters operating in the "black economy" thought to be worth £6,500m a year.

Union leaders involved in tax administration say in a 4,000word document that many people on low incomes are having to pay excessive tax because of evasion by the

"No other EEC country taxes its low-income citizens so heavily. There has also been a dramatic increase in the number people depending on means-tested benefits, with 6.5 million people now claiming supplementary benefit."

But tax evasion and avoidance have continued to grow, the TUC argues, and "there is a popular view that the black conomy represents a dynamic and innovatory sector of the economy as a whole.

Air Service Regiment (SAS) and

the Royal Marines' Special Boat

Squadron have increased their

activities of surveying possible trouble areas around the world.

It is one of their long-stand-

ing tasks to be acquainted with

areas where they could become

involved militarily, That means

being aware of the location of

possible parachute or aircraft landing sites, checking which beaches are suitable for am-

phibious landings, and knowing the location of politically

sensitive buildings.

"The Government's approach today of being more zealous in to the black economy is inequitable when compared with its attitude towards other types of fraudulent activity" the paper savs.

'There is a much higher rate of prosecution of people defrauding the social security system, despite the smaller sums of money involved. The Government does not appear to be as zealous in tracking down those well-off individuals who evade tax and their obligations to the community.

The TUC points out that the staff of the Inland Revenue is to be cut by 9.9 per cent over the next four years, risking "serious damage" to revenue collection. The unions concede that ministers have given "belated attention" to increasing staff in the offices tracking down defaulters, but argue that there are still insufficient resources.

Quoting the Keith committee report on tax reform, the TUC says that that is being "penny-wise, pound foolish" because these investigators generally yield returns of four to five

Special It is believed that the level of

activity has been increased

because of fears that many

Commonwealth islands have so

little defensive capability that

they could be seized

The kind of event which

caused anxiety is thought to

have been evidence of plans by

mercenary groups to organize, coups d'etat in the Seychelles.

In 1981, there were reports that

the SAS had been active in

support of the Government of

Sir Dawda Jawara, President of

Gambia, after an attempted

Frigates

cost £80m

to refit

By Our Defence

It is now costing £80m to

is hoping to build the first of its

Facts given by Mr John Lee, Parliamentary Under Secretary

for Defence Procurement, in a

written answer in the Com-

mons, show that the cost of a

mid-life refit of a Leander class

frigate has risen from about £30m for ships which com-

pleted their refit in 1980 to about £80m each for HMS

Hermione and HMS Scylla

which becan their moderniza-

tion programmes in that year,

and complete them this month

This huge cost escalation

adds point to the decision

time he put the cost at £70m per

and in mid-1985 respectively.

RAF saves sheep from flood An RAF helicopter rescued

wo estate workers and 18 sheep stranded by a flash flood at Loch Maree in Wester Ross

Mr Archie MacLellan, an estate manager, and his son-inlaw. Mr David Price, were trying to reach the sheep in a small boat, but their engine failed. The Lossiemouth helicopter picked up the two men, then took them to the animals. which were loaded into a net slung under the helicopter and rescued in two flights.

Flooding blocked three main roads yesterday with the Highlands the worst affected by rain and high winds.

On the A82 Inverness to Fort William road, two landslides blocked the route at Letterfinlay and Part of the road surface was swept away. Flooding and subsidence also blocked the Locharron road and the Kyle road and serious floods were reported at the Loch Ness village of Fort Augustus. But in North Wales, the

weather was so mild that people sat in the sunshine on the sea front at Colwyn Bay,

for an examination by Parlia-ment of the decision by directors of Reuters, the international news agency and financial information service, to float the company on the stock market next year One proposal being discussed within the party is that Renters statutory corporation like the BBC to safeguard it against the risk of falling into undesireable

or foreign hands. The decision by Reuters on December 14 to seek a listing for its shares on the Stock Exchange came after lengthy arguments among the board members and opposition from Labour MPs, led by Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister.

Labour may

seek

safeguard

for Reuters By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Labour Party is to press

The company is thought to have a market value of more than £1,000m, and a floatation would bring big gains to Fleet Street newspaper groups, prov-incial newspapers, and news-papers in New Zealand and

Under the terms of the Reuters Trust agreement, the trustees are responsible for ensuring that it does not pass into the hands of any single interest or group, and that its integrity and freedom from bias

are preserved.
Sir Michael Havers, the
Attorney General, when questioned in the Commons last mouth, said that he had no responsibility to intervene.
Mr Bryan Gould, a Labour

frontbench spokesman on trade and industry, said yesterday: Now that the flotation may take place in the early months of 1984 it is important that Parliament should look at the issue urgently". He said that the trust which

had been formed to safeguard Reuters came about mainly as a result of parliamentary pressure. "Now we are told that the trust can be broken "This was regarded as

matter of extreme urgency in 1941. It is just as important now. That is why we may have to consider statutory protection for Reuters providing a framework similar to that provided for the BBC. Mr Gould also called for

a Commons debate on the concentration of ownership in the national and provincial press. "This concentration has shown that the various Acts to prevent monopolies and create conditions of fair trading are Forecast, back page | totally useless", he said.

More than 1,200 search for Tidey kidnappers More than 1,200 police and held captive for 23 days. He was

in co Leitrim, yesterday in a final search for the kidnappers of Mr Don Tidey, aged 49, the chainstore executive.

While police chiefs are conceding that the IRA kidnap squad has eluded the biggest security operation mounted in the Irish Republic, officers still believed that there might be vital forensic science evidence to be found.

Fingerprint experts were examining beer cans and tins of food found in the underground dugout where Mr Tidey was capture three times

troops were drafted into Derra- freed in a gunbattle 12 days ago trainee died. ramee died. A police spokesman said last

night. "We cannot afford to leave any stone, unturned. Forensic science evidence could be vital in identifying the gang." Meanwhile, Dr Garret Fitzgerald, Prime Minister of the republic, is preparing for a Cabinet meeting next week at

which overall security will be In the past two months, Dominic McGlinchy, the INLA terrorist leader, has evaded

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Moscow leads world shipping

Anger over TV film

on bombing

From Our Correspondent

Llandudno

An MEP is protesting to the

BBC about a programme about John Jenkins, a former army sergeant who was jailed for 10 years for his part in the

bombing campaign before the investiture of the Prince of

emists, is to be shown on BBC

Wales tomorrow night, but Miss Beata Brookes, Conserva-tive European MP for North Wales, said yesterday: "I think

it is appalling that just after the

Harrods carnage a film like this should be shown.

the Royal Family, there is talk

of a threat to blow them up, and

claims that an assassination squad existed. It is quite vicious

"If the BBC thought it right to apologize for playing The Mountains of Mourne the day after the Harrods bombing, it

should show equal sensitivity

The dramatized documen-

tary, which is an hour and a half long, was made with Jenkins's cooperation after his

release from prison. He is now

serving two years at Dartmoor

for hindering the arrest of a

The BBC said yesterday:

"The Extremists is a pro-gramme which has been com-pleted for some time but we

were unable to show it because

of the conspiracy trial in

"Although it is a play based

on real events which happened

in Wales, they are events which

occurred a decade and a half

ago. Unfortunately, terrorist activities appear to be still with us but there is no connexion

between events portrayed in the

film and the recent tragedy in

London. Indeed the film does

serve as a warning of the consequences of such activi-

and take off this film."

"This man Jenkins decries

Wales in 1969.

Transport Editor

The Soviet Union has over-The Soviet Union has overtoll declast condition and the soviet taken both Britain and the their toll. Britain's fleet has Navy, with regular military United States as a merchant shrunk and it is expected to training for merchant ship Shipping power on the world's oceans for the first time. While Britain's fleet has been

steadily declining since the mid-1970s the Soviet Union's has been forging ahead and the latest figures from Lloyd's Register of Shipping show 25 million tonnes under the Soviet flag, 19 million under the British and 19 million under the United States.

Ten years ago Britain had nearly twice as much merchant shipping as the Soviet Union more than 30 million tonnes against I million - and two years ago Britain was still ahead with 25 million tonnes against the Soviet Union's 23 million.

slump and low-cost competition from the East continue to take continue to do so for some years officers, and an important role

By 1990 the 1970s position could be reversed, with the Soviet Union operating a merchant fleet twice the size of the British: 30 million tonnes against 15 million. Serious concern has been

expressed by both shipping and defence chiefs over the growth of Soviet shipping at the expense of western shipping in recent years.

The Soviet Union claims its shipping expension is modest, and geared to the growth in its own overseas trade and that of

But western experts point out that Soviet merchant ships are, in fact, auxiliaries to the Soviet in parts of the world where the Soviet Union is seen by the West as engaged in subversive activity - Africa. for example.

With low-cost crews and the full backing of the Soviet state, Russian ships can also create havoc in free worldshipping trades by offering rates western ships cannot refuse and western shipowners cannot match. The General Council

British Shipping said yesterday: The Soviet fleet continues to increase much faster than Russia's foreign trade. As a result, most of the expansion has been between third countries.

Scottish house prices 'set to rise'

But it gives a warning that there will be no prices boom

without a lasting upturn in the In its quarterly market report

period of high retrenchment, further job losses could not be

ruled out, but not the "heavy

redundancy programme we

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have seen in the past".

Scotland are set to rise by with buyers out in force before others remaining static. between 5 per cent and 10 per the new year holiday ends. Estate agents say that building societies have plenty of tered Surveyors says today. pect of a mortgage rate cut has been deferred, it has not been

abandoned. But last year's increase during the year to concealed wide fluctuations £80,000 and £100,000. published today, Scottish estate between areas and house types, agents predict a repeat of last with some properties increasing lows have been in high demand.

quickly.

months. "If Britain is going to closure of the steel making

pull out of this recession we capacity at Ravenscraig would shall need all three more haive the 4,000 direct workforce

• Mr Clive Lewis, Scottish 5,000 people in supplier firms

divisional organizer of the ISTC, said: "We are glad the deal is off. We never thought it was a starter. It did not make the make anticipated a fit of pique.

commercial, financial or indus- But this guy Haslam will not

trial sense - and so it has respond in that way. He is more

proved to be" (Our Labour realistic Nordo I expect a U-turn

Editor writes). on the part of Norman Tebbit (the The unions had argued that Secretary of State for Industry).

House prices in Scotland in year's rise in home purchaese by 20 per cent or more but Agents throughout Scotland report that high-priced execu-

tive homes are taking longer to In Aberdeen, one agent estimates that larger town houses have risen by 15 per cent during the year to between

US-British steel deal collapses

at the plant and make another

Graham sermon

The Queen has invited Dr Billy Graham, the US evangelist, to preach at Sandringham parish church on January 15, during the Royal Family's new year holiday on the estate. At least 10,000 people are expected to hear his sermon relayed

Overseas selling prices Austria Sch 28: Brigtum B frs 80: Canada 92.78; Canadas Pei 150: Cyrrus 550 mls; Denmark Der 850: Finland Mik 8.00: France Frs 7.00: Germany DM 3.50: Creece Dr 100: Helland Gf 3.26; krish 100: Belland Gf 3.26; krish 100: Bella

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always be for children.

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Global takes more than £500,000 off 1984 holiday prices

At the outset of the peak At the outset of the peak booking season for summer holidays, Global Holidays announced yesterday that it was reducing its brochure prices for next year by a total of more than £500,000. It has reprinted its brochure, with lower prices for holidays at 83 hotels in Spain, Italy, Portugal, and

ur may

The biggest saving offered is more than £100 a person for two weeks at a hotel in Majorca. but many holidays will be about £50 cheaper than last year's

prices.

That is the latest move in a price-cutting war that began at the end of November when Thomson Holidays, the market leader, announced cuts of up to £56, an average of 10 per cent, on 750,000 of its one million foreign summer holidays for

Intasun, the second largest company, delayed launching its brochure until December, and then announced an average of 9 per cent reductions on 500,000 holidays. Horizon, the third largest operator, followed suit.

Global has not previously year, revised its published brochure, The initial print order in expectation of having to respond to price cuts announced by larger

Mr Roger Corkhill, managing period last year.

director of Global, had accused Thomson's of provoking a price war in the battle for holiday bookings. Yesterday, he said that the strength of the pound against Mediterranean cur-rencies had helped to reduce prices, but that most of the difference would have to come out of profit margins. Global, which is the country's tenth biggest tour operator, hope to sell 250,000 holidays this

As with previously announced price revisions, holidaymakers who have already made their bookings will also benefit from the price reductions.

The travel industry is now fully committed to selling more than eight million foreign many holidays in Italy and holidays this year, well up on Spain where currency weaknesses bring the strongest price

ing director of Pickfords Travel, which sells more Global Holidays than any other travel agents, said yesterday that overall bookings for foreign holidays next summer are up by a fifth on the same stage last

The late launch of the but this year it restricted the Intasun brochure caused a dip in sales in November, but in the four weeks before Christmas sales were almost half as many again as in the equivalent

"This Wildlife Order will

give those of us who oppose this

barbaric sport the opportunity

to put down an amendment

which will ban hare-coursing

from Northern Ireland I believe

this will be the last such meet to

be seen here", Mr Robinson

said vesterday.

Association reports).

MP fears slide to random breath tests

By a Staff Reporte Conservative MP complained yesterday that the police had been "bounding" motorists during the Christmas holiday with unjustified breath

tests. Mr Anthony Beau Dark, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said that he would ask the Government for the number of breath tests conducted by all police forces and for prices, and then companies levied surcharges to meet their costs. This has to be good news an assurance that they were not quietly moving towards random

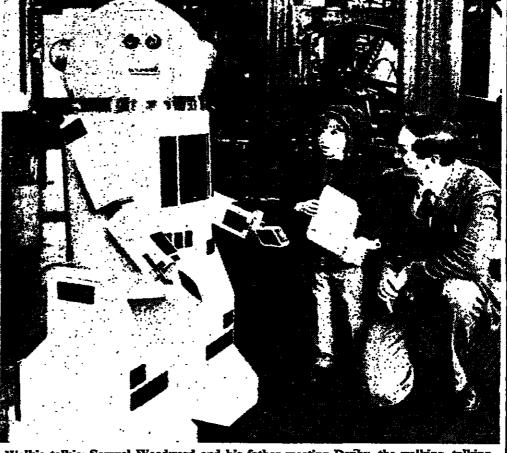
Parliament had rejected random tests, but some forces seemed to use pretexts anconnected with suspicion of drunken driving to stop motorists and test them. "I have a horrid suspicion that the police are enforcing their own law instea

of Parliament's law", Mr Beaumont-Dark said.
"I am not in favour of people drinking and driving, but I think we have been in a state this Christmas when most motorists have felt like hiding behind a hedge when a police car has come along.'

Two people died and 16 were seriously injured in road accidents in Nottinghamshire during the Christmas holiday compared with four and 26 this time last year. Last year 1,700 breath tests were conducted in the county and 54 proved positive. This year there were 2,500 of which 46 were positive.

The number of drivers who gave positive breath tests in Strathclyde region over the four days of the Christmas holidays almost doubled on last year's figures. A total of 88 drivers, of 130 tested, were found to be driving over the legal limit between December 23 and 26, compared with 49 positive last

Lothian and Borders police recorded 11 positive breath tests between December 24 and 26, compared with 28 positive tests last year. Tayside police recorded 11 positive tests compared with 20.



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Walkie talkie: Samuel Woodward and his father meeting Denby, the walking, talking robot at the British Engineerium in Hove, East Sussex, yesterday. Denby was part of the welcoming party at the museum's "in-steam" exhibition, which runs all this week (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Middle classes pawning videos

By Craig Seton

The Christmas shopping old hand at the business, but he boom is over, the January sales are about to begin, and Mr Philip Murphy, a pawnbroker, awaits the customers who make his business worth while: the middle class people who have succumbed to the easy money of the credit card.

in the next few weeks they will bring to his new pawn shop in Bristol the home computers and video recorders they could not really afford, but which "plastic money" has unfortunately made possible. Mr Murphy, aged 46, is an

believes that over the next few years the credit card will deliver to him a growing band of customers from the middle classes which rarely used pawnbrokers in the past

Mr Murphy's Bristol shop is his first, but he plans to open more in Oxford, Exeter, Plymouth and other cities. In the three weeks since be opened, he has pledged about £13,000 against goods brought to his Bristol shop. He expects his business to be worth £200,000 in a full year and is aiming for a

film annual turnover when he

He said that the very rich and the very poor had always been good customers of the pawn broker, but never the thrifty and conservative and middle classes. Now the credit card had changed all that. Products such as video recorders and home computers have encouraged them to overstretch themselves and when other sources of credit were exhausted they of wounding Mr Waldorf with started to pawn their pos-

Waldorf detective back in uniform

By John Witherow One of the detectives who shot and wounded Steven Waldorf in mistake for the fugitive gunnan David Marrin is being transferred to uni-formed duty.

Det Constable Peter Finch,

aged 38, who was cleared at the Central Criminal Court of attempted murder, is to be transferred next month after spending almost a year on full

pay.

It is unusual for a policeman
to be transferred from detective to uniformed work.

The decision was said to have been taken after senior police officers became concerned at the pressure Constable Finch came under as a result of the trial and an internal Scotland Yard inquiry. The pay for a uniformed police constable is the same as for a detective and the police were keen to emphasize that Constable Finch was not being demoted.

No decision has been taken about the future of Det Constable John Jardine, aged 38. who was also charged and cleared after the shooting.

Constable Finch, married with three children, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, joined the police as a cadet when he was 16 a had been a detective for eight years.

At the time of the shooting last January he was attached to Scotland Yard's C11 squad. He shot Mr Waldorf, whose car was stuck in traffic in west London. believing he was the escaped man David Martin and was reaching for a gun. The prosecution also alleged that Constable Finch had "pistol-whipped" Mr Waldorf as he lay wounded in the car.

Constable Finch was cleared of attempted murder on the direction of the judge, Mr Justice Croom-Johnson, and the jury later found him not guilty

MP predicts ban on hare-coursing

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

A Unionist MP predicted laws, which will then go to vesterday that this weekend's Westminster to become law. hare-coursing meeting at Crebilly, co Antrim, would be the last such event in Northern

Mr Peter Robinson, Democratic Unionist deputy leader and MP for Belfast, East, made his forecast when he took his place with a hundred other demonstrators against harecoursing yesterday. There were more than a thousand coursing Cat savaged supporters at the meeting.

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The chances of the sport's being banned in Northern Ireland next year hinges on the respect with which the views of the Northern Ireland Assembly are regarded in London.

Some months ago the Assembly called unanimously for a ban, but it has no legislative powers and the Ishire, and as they went out, Northern Ireland Office let the Saw their black cat, Cassy, decision pass without any surrounded by baying hounds.

debate a draft Order in Council although the cat was alive when incorporating changes in Ul- rescued, she died within minThatcher is 'Woman of the Year'

"In the pattern of trade that

has evolved this year", Mr Gabber said, "customers can

book early in the knowledge

that their chosen holiday can only get cheaper if there are

further price cuts. This is a complete reversal on previous

tempted to book early by low

One large operator not to

have revised its brochure prices

is Cosmos, the fourth largest.
Cosmos lost some of its share of

the market last summer, but is

felt to have produced a com-

A spokesman for Thomson said yesterday that the company would have sold 300,000 holi-

days by the end of this month,

50 per cent up on last year, "We

expect the industry as a whole to sell a million extra foreign

holidays this year. The fact that

holidays are cheaper is substan-

tially due to stable fuel costs

and the comparative strength of

ings to be a quarter up on last

We expect our own book-

the pound.

years when people

for everybody."

By a Staff Reporter The Prime Minister has won

the BBC "Woman of the Year" award for the second successive

She gained double the votes given to Mrs Joan Ruddock, chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, who came second. But the BBC declined to give any detailed figures for the award, which will be broadcast on the Today programme on Radio 4 this

morning.
Mgr Bruce Kent, general A girl aged 16 watched foxhounds from a traditional secretary of CND, won the "Man of the Year" poll which Christmas meeting savage her pet cat to death in her back was broadcast on the progarden yesterday (the Press gramme yesterday. He beat Mr Eddie Shah, who has continued Janet Lydall and her family to publish his Messenger group of newspapers in the face of heard a noise in the garden of their home in Lacock, Wilmass picketing.

Mother Teresa took third place in the "Woman of the Year" vote, with Princess Anne Neighbours joined in attempts to drive the dogs clear, but fourth, and the Princess of Wales fifth. Mrs Victoria Gillick, the campaigner against contraceptive pills being prescribed for girls under 16; Miss Helen John, a founder of the Greenham Common peace camp; Jane Torvill, the ice skater; Jo Durie, the tennis Catherine Bramwell-Booth, of the Salvation Army, completed the top 10.

> Lord Tonypandy, the former peaker of the Commons was third in the men's vote, with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, forth and Mr Lech Walesa, the Polish union leader,

> The rest of the top 10 were: Mr Richard Noble, the world land speed record holder, Alex Higgins, the snooker player, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Kenneth Livingstone, the Greater London Council leader, and The Rev Richard Harries, Radio 4's Prayer for the Day contributor.

Fiat's new generation supermini, the Uno, has been voted fourth scoring 116 points Car of the Year 1984 by compared with Uno's 346.

The Italian entry was award-Votes were also cast for the pop singer Boy George and Mr European countries. However, ed top marks by jurors from it was a close thing with only a Austria, Belgium, Germany, few votes separating it from Britain, Italy, and Norway. Roy Tapping, the man who carried his severed arm half a mile after a hay baling accident

Dogs unlimited

Police officers and farmers are searching for three or four dogs which attacked a flock of pregnant ewes, killing seven and injuring six in Wembdon, near Bridgwater, Somerset, Christmas Day.

The computer revolution

The Citroen BX which was recently voted "Top Car 1984" by the British Guild of Motor-

ing Writers and was hotly tipped for the European award

because of its advanced tech-

The last wholly British car to win the prestigious Car of the Year award was the Rover

nology, came sixth.

New age dawning in polys

at home and are quite familiar The microcomputer age is with them. They are also being

3,500 in 1977.

Top marks: The Fiat Uno, Car of the Year 1984.

Uno voted numero one

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

dawning in higher education and it is happening, appropri-ately enough, in the polytech-nics rather than the univer-

few votes separating it from another supermini the Peugeot

Austin Rover's Maestro came seventh of the 15 cars con-sidered. The highest placed

apanese car was the Mazda 626

The big surprise was the poor owing of the Mercedes 190,

the German quality car group's

first venture into the small to

In the vanguard of this particular revolution is the Polytechnic of the South Bank in Loudon which now has about 200 micros and four mainframe computers, to which are lined 200 to 300 terminals. All five faculties have computer laborapolytechnic, whose

director, Mr John Beishon, bas taken a strong interest in promoting the new technology, wants to introduce computers to all its students, whatever their subject, so that they have hands on" experience of micros and understand their potential. Lecturers can call on the computer services department for help with equipment

and the programs needed for it. "We are trying to respond to mand", Mrs Pat Crocker, head of the computer services department, said. "We are finding that students now have micros

students for recipe costing and stock control. Each faculty has recognized as a good teaching aid."

There are 11,000 part-time and full-time students at South Bank, spread out on three sites in the five faculties of administrative studies: built environ-ment (which includes architecture, town planning and civil engineering), engineering, science and technology and education/humanities/social

The engineers use the new technology more than any other faculty from the first year onwards - for example, to design circuit boards or test equipment, Mechanical engineers had been testing the effect of wind on items of equipment and readings had to be taken every second or so. This could be done much more accurately on the micro than manually.

Students of town planning use the technology to cost highway design, social scientists for survey analysis, busistudents for ness studies financial modelling and bakery

standardized on a system which has a range of software to suit Mrs Crocker says that there

is great incentive to get students to use micros across the curriculum since the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA), which approves polytechnic courses, put out a policy document earlier this year saying that it wanted new technology incorporated into all courses. "If we do not take note of the

CNAA we will not get course approval in future", Mrs Crocker said. "But we are also competing for students and we hope they will want to come here because we are offering them modern technology. cannot afford to stand still." Headway still has to be made with a number of

departments, notably modern languages, which is linked with European business and law, but the lawyers do have at their disposal the data base Lexis, a reference system for legal

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itself out of the doldrums and

several factories set new weekly

and daily slicing records". The factories are due to close by the

PC faces inquiry

Equality case

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end of next month.

Armed Forces vying for privilege of sending Briton on space shuttle

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspon

Ministers are likely to decide within the next few months to send an astronaut up in the American space shuttle, who would be the first Briton to

There is intense rivalry among the Armed Services, for

The Prime Minister denied on December 13 in the Commons that there were any plans to send a British astronaut, but

Allay fears on ministry church told

The call, in a leading article in the Church of Scotland magazine Life and work, comes after the recent disclosures that a convicted killer and a former bank manager convicted of embezziement have been

accepted were given, but many prospective candidates who were not given a reason.

people, which includes scope for simulators. carrying two or three "payload specialists". They monitor specific pieces of equipment or the satellite launch for which their government or organization is

It is in that role that a British astronaut would go. He or she. Scientists at Surrey Univerwould not need to be an aviator, or have super fitness required of that early astronauts.

in the case of the British payloads, it would be much more relevant for the person to be an expert in communications

The National Aeronautical and Space Administration said that it would probably need about year's notice if Britain wanted to send up a payload specialist, who would require

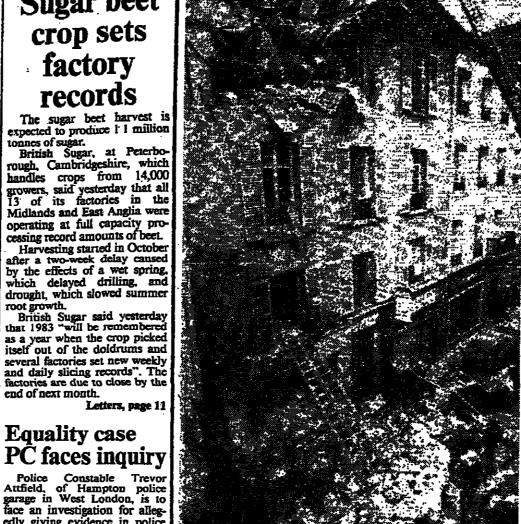
The shuttle can carry up to 10 NASA, including "flights" on

Meanwhile, the Royal Navy. Army, and The Royal Air Force are believed to have prepared lists of candidates, backed with arguments on why the person should be selected from its

sity are racing to build their second experimental spacecraft in time for launch by NASA on March I (the Press Association

They hope to assemble the £350,000 UOSAT-2 for testing next month and delivery in February.

The spacecraft, to be launched from the western test range in California, will carry scien tific and engineering experi-ments for use by experts and radio amateurs, and experiabout two months training at ments for schools and colleges.





Bleak holiday: In Paris yesterday (left), where a woman was killed and three other people injured when a gas explosion wrecked a three-storey building; and in New York, where 10 people were hurt in a hotel fire

public opinion, however, Mr of the National Liberal Club

Cabinet also includes an oppo-

accepted as candidates.

The magazine says that in these two "exceptional" cases the reasons why the men were were rejected said that they

Honeymoon couple: Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres champion, and his wife the former Miss Karen Waters, who were married 11 days ago,

ten days in Tampa, Florida,

edly giving evidence in police time on behalf of a woman colleague who successfully brought a sex discrimination case against the Metropolitan

PC Attrield says he cleared the time off with superiors before appearing at a tribunal on behalf of WPC Wendy de Launay.

Comedian's foot crushed

Jim Davidson, the comedian, cancelled shows at the Apollo Theatre, Coventry, last night after dropping a paving slab on his foot on Christmas Day. His press agent, Miss Pat Lake-Smith, said Davidson

almost lost a toe in the accident. A decision will be made today about whether he will appear it the rest of the shows.

Vaccination campaigns

The 'trivial' disease that kills 900,000 a year

In the United States, measles has been almost completely there has been an epidemic involving more than 100,000 children. In the United States, vaccination against measles is compulsory. In this country, fewer than six in 10 children receive the vaccine.

Senior officials at the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) are concerned at the comparatively low up-take, and suspect that public apathy is largely responsible. Measles is seen as a trivial infection, with the cure being not much better than the disease, a fever and fleeting rash often follows inoculation.

age of 20 deaths a year in Britain. In a typical epidemic, 10,000 children in England alone would suffer complications, including deafness in 2.500 cases and partial deafness

in 5.000 others. The number of children vaccinated against measles in England fast year was 368,512, only 20,000 more than in 1974. In 1978, the figure was as low as

by public apathy. Thomson Prentice concludes his series with a look at the statistical evidence that immunization campaigns really do work.

million people in Britain are susceptible to the disease. The decision by the Princess of Wales last month to have year. Two of those were William inoculated Prince against measles received less publicity than her endorsement third, the infection was ac-of the national rubella cam- quired abroad; in the fourth, it Yet measles causes an aver- paign, but the DHSS was

> more mothers will follow the Princess's example. The Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunization is trying to promote a greater public re-

sponse.
The public's response to poliomyelitis, in contrast, has been dramatically positive, rate last year was 84 per cent. Fears of the disease have always

A study published early this England is now 82 per cent; in year indicated that up to 4.5 1981, 554,481 children were

vaccinated

who had a febrile illness. Polio has been virtually eliminated; so too has diphtheria. There were four cases in England in 1982, including that of a girl aged three who died in hospital. She had not been immunized. In the three pre-

Tetanus is another infection

vaccination. The vaccine 1

The usual timetable for immunizations is: Diptheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio: from age three months; again at five to six months; and again at nine to 11 months. Measles: from 12 to 24 months, Boosters for diotheria, tetanus and polio: at about five years of age. Rubella, or German measles: girls aged 10 to 14. Tuberculosis: girls and boys aged about 13 years. Tetanus and polio: when leaving school, aged between 15 and 19. Concluded

Tetanus, poliomyelitis and diphtheria have virtually been eliminated from Britain, but measles still flourishes, helped

mainly in Third World coun-

heartened by her move. The Department hopes that

302,075. Worldwide, measles outweighed any worries about almost completely defeated by

causes 900,000 deaths annually, the risks of side-effects from the vaccine, calculated at one in three million. The uptake in

> Only four cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were reported last vaccine-associated - one a child, the other a mother. In the was diagnosed in an infant boy

vious years, there were only seven cases. The vaccination

usually combined with those for whooping cough and diptheria, and administered in the same injection. However, a version excluding whooping cough is also available, explaining why tetanus and diptheria share an 84 per cent uptake while whooping cough remains at just 53 per cent. But people aged over 65, who

were too old to be immunized in the first wave of vaccinations, remain at risk from tetanus. Between five and 10 tetanus deaths are recorded in England every year, almost all involving people of that age group.

Law Report December 28, 1983

What the signature of a company is

UBAF Ltd v European American Banking Corporation Before Lord Justice Ackner and Lord Justice Oliver

[Judgment delivered December 9] The signature on behalf of a company of its duly authorized agent acting within the scope of his authority was the signature of the company for the purpose of section 6 of the Statute of Frauds Amendment Act 1828.

Further, it was a matter of evidence whether the plaintiffs' cause of action accrued when they entered into a contract as a result of innocent but negligent misrepresen-

merely by entering into the contract. The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the appellants, UBAF Ltd. from an order by Mr Justice Leggatt who set aside an order of Mr Justice Staughton who had given leave to serve a writ on the defendants, European American Banking Cor-

poration, out of the jurisdiction.

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr
Timothy Charlton for the appellant
plaintiffs: Mr Leonard Hoffmann,
QC and Mr Richard Siberry for the respondent defendants. LORD JUSTICE ACKNER,

giving the judgment of the court, said that the plaintiffs were an English banking corporation and the defendants were a New York banking corporation. The defendants approached the plaintiffs and requested them to participate in

two loans which the defendants were intending to make to two Panamanian corporations in the Colocotronis group of shipping

about the loans. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants represented to them that the intended loans were attractive financing of two companies in a sound and profitable group" and in reliance on those representations. he plaintiffs lent US\$500,000 to

The Colocotronis group got into difficulties and the two companies the Misrepresentation Act 1967 and negligence in the presentation of the ansactions.
The defendants contended that

the claim in deceit, was precluded by section 6 of the Statute of Frauds Amendment Act 1828 (Lord Tenterden's Act), which equally ruled out any claim under the Misrepresentation Act 1967. They also contended that any claim in negligence was statute barred because the writ was issued more than six years after the cause of action (if any) arose.

Section 6 of Lord Tenterden's Act provided: "... no action shall be provided: "... no action shall be brought whereby to charge any person upon or by reason of any representation or assurance made iven concerning or relating to the character, conduct, credit, ability, trade or dealings of any other person, to the intent or purpose that such other person may obtain credit, money or goods upon, unless such representation or assurance be made in writing, signed by the party to be charged therewith."

It was common ground that the action applied to fraudulent misrep-resentations only; and that "person" in the section included a corpor-

The matter at issue was whether the signature of the defendant's assistant secretary constituted the Once it was accepted that the section applied to a corporation, the signature of some person must be sufficient for the purposes of the what his status was in the

Evidence was therefore required to determine the issue and accordingly the matter had to be

Further, having considered Hirst v West Riding Union Banking Co Ltd ([1902] 2 KB 560) and Swift v Jewsbury ((1874) LR 9 QB 301), his Lordship found that there was no impediment in authority in deciding, and it should now be decided.

outstanding. The plaintiffs brought company of its duly authorized a claim pleading three separate agent acting within the scope of his causes of action: deceit, misrepresentation under section 2(1) of section 6 of Lord Tenterden's Act, the signature of the company.

The defendants successfully contended before Mr Justice Legant that the accrual of the cause of action occurred when the plaintiffs parted with their money and acquired instead claims for repayment of money lent against borrowers whose ability to repay was, contrary to the alleged was, contrary to the alleged representations, a matter of conrepresentations, siderable doubt.

The short answer to that question depended upon the facts as found at the trial. The plaintiffs' case was that if they had known the respects in which the representations were inaccurate, they would not have entered into the contracts.

Accordingly, the defendants argued that at the very moment of entering into that contract the entering into that contract the plaintiffs must have suffered damage.
That bare proposition was not self

right of duty occasioned them damage. That was axiomatic.

It was possible that at the date when the plaintiffs advanced their money the value of the chose in action which they then acquired was in fact not less than the sum which the plaintiffs lent, or indeed even exceeded it.

That had to depend on the evidence. The mere fact that the innocent but negligent misrepresentations caused the plaintiffs to enter into a contract which they otherwise would not have entered into, did not inevitably mean that they had suffered damage by merely entering into the contract.

Even if it was wrong to conclude that evidence was required to establish whether or not the plaintiffs alleged cause of action accrued when the loan was ad ranced, there was a further matter to consider. The plaintiffs sought to rely on section 32(1)(b), of the Limitation

Act 1980 on the basis that the falsity

of the representations was known to

the defendants and that the relevant facts were concealed.

The plaintiffs entered into transaction of contributing to a syndicate loan where the defendants

were acting in a fiduciary duty for all the other participants.

If, therefore, it was within the defendants' knowledge at any time while they were carrying on their fiduciary duties that the security was inadequate, it must have been their duty to inform the participants and their continued failure to do so would constitute a continuin breach of their fiduciary duty.

The validity of a claim to rely upon section 32(1)(b) depended on the evidence and could only be

decided at trial. The appeal should be allowed and the summons to set aside service of e writ dismissed. Solicitors: Clifford-Turner; Freshfields.

Chastisement must be controlled

Regina v Taylor

Although it was a schoolmaste right and duty to control and, if necessary, chastise pupils in his care, he must act reasonably. Whether force used was reasonable was a matter for a jury, but reasonable chastisement involved a controlled, if not an entirely cool response and the throwing of an exercise book at a pupil could not in food prices on January I would be bad propaganda.

come within that category.

Mr Justice Nolan (sitting with Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Boreham) so held on December 19 when the Court of Appeal dismissed of the "consultations", an appeal by a teacher, Martyn Taylor, against his conviction on June 22, 1982 at Bristol Crown Court (Mr Recorder Drinkwater, QC and a jury) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm to a 12-ween-old namil 2-year-old pupil.

proach. Correction In Granby Marketing Services Ltd soundings — made through the v Interlego AG and Another (The Times. December 19, 1983), solicitors for the plaintiffs were Philip Conn & Co, Manchester.

they belong to Tanaka's group." Mr Yahusiro Nakasone, the Reflecting his reading of sition party member, the leader

Nakasone defends choice

of Tanaka backers

Nakasone eased Tanaka men out of previousl held sensitive

posts such as Secretary-General

For the first time since the

LDP came to power in 1955 the

Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday defended his selection of six members of the Tanaka faction in his new Cabinet.

At a nationally televised press conference, Mr Nakasone de-nied that Mr Tanaka, the former Prime Minister, had affairs of his previous government. He said reports of such activity in the press had been misleading to voters in the elcetion campaign. The Tanaka issue appears to

have been responsible for the sharply decreased vote for the ruling Liberal Democracy Party. Mr Tanaka is appealing against his conviction and four-year jail sentence in the Lockheed bribery scandal.

Explaining his selection of so mamy Tanaka followers in his 20-man Cabinet - by far the strongest representation - Mr Nakasone said: "It doesn't make sense to deprive qualified people (of posts) just because

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

able package for the nation

economic experts and Commu-

nist. Party officials have dis-

Warsaw hesitates Dhaka (Reuter) - Voting are against plans to hold a began yesterday to rural council presidential election on May 24 over food in Bangladesh, the first such and parliamentary polls later, price rise on November 25. They say that

Food price rises, traditionally democracy. the most sensitive and volatile Voting will continue until January 10, followed by municiissue in Polish politics, may be postponed beyond the scheduled date of January I while the Government draws up a palat-

Since November the Government has been "consulting" the nation on whether it approves an increase in prices that would entail a 4.5 per cent increase in living standards or a 6.5 per cent rise. The idea is to reduce subsidies given to food, change consumption habits so that people eat food that is not dependent on imports and though this is officially denied -

to soak up surplus zloties on the market. Government leaders have admitted that the response to food price rises of any kind is overwhelmingly negative. Some 40,000 letters have been received by the Council of Ministers' office, many complaining about the effect of the

rises on fixed income households such as pensioners. There have been angry scenes in factory meetings to discuss the rises. Representatives of Communist Party cells in 200 of the principal plants have warned the leadership that the

increases will bring trouble in industry.
The Consultative Economic Council, a group of economists advising the Government, has recommended that a much milder form of increase be introduced and that the increases should be phased in slowly. The Government is evidently taking some of these criticisms seriously. First, say party sources, an automatic increase

giving the population the impression that the leadership had not taken sufficient account mountain continues to grow, French and West German farmers go on snarling at each other about "green" currency Second, the Government seems set to pick the mildest of the price rises and even then to rates, and the poisonous British exclude certain food products. Finally, at least some politicians within the Government are

advising a more phased ap-The results of the popular soundings - made through the new pro-Government trades

Abe (Foreign); and Mr Yuko Kurihara (Defence). Local polls begin Ershad's return to democracy

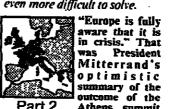
Nakasone's team: left, Mr Hikosaburo Okonogi

(International Trade and Industry); centre, Mr Shintaro

elections in seven years. General Hossain Mohammad

Ershad the military ruler, said the elections would lay The foundations for a return to

pal elections in urban areas on February 11 and sub-district council elections on March 24. Opponents of General Ershad sources said yesterday.



Part 2 Athens summit to answer any press questions on the ground that he was about to take over the presidency of the EEC.

It was an optimistic comment because the EEC member states have so far given precious little practical indication that they are aware of any internal crisis. Even though the European Commission was forced to freeze some payments from October in order to eke out the 1983 budget, the summit failed to grasp that the money was running out so quickly that something had to be agreed

900,000-tonne surplus butter budget problem is beginning to infect the entire body politic of

lung's disgraced successor as Communist Party leader. Mr whose alliance with the LDP gave Mr Nakason enough votes Hua Guoleng, has made a rare to control the critical budget public appearance together with of the party. Chief Cabinet committee, though still well Mao's daughter by his jailed Secretary and Justice Minister. - below the LDP's absolute wife. Jiang Qing, the People's Duily reported. The party newspaper said the two paid their respects to Mo's remains in the central Peking mausoleum on Monday as part

of ceremonies marking the ninetieth anniversary of his According to the Hongkong magazine, Zhengming, Mi Hua Recently tried to commit

Rare public

appearance

by Mao's

daughter

Peking (Reuter) - Mao Tse-

He was forced to resign in June, 1981, after his policies were attacked as too leftist. He was succeeded by Mr Hu aobang whose views are more in line with those of Mr Deng Xiaoping, a sworn enemy of Maoist Dogmatism Mr Deng and his associates have stripped Mr Hua of most

of his power.

The People's Daily named Mao's daughter. Li Na as among family members who paid homage to his remains in ineir crystai sarcodi us. It ata not mention that she is the only child of Jrang Qing who was given a suspended death sentence in 1981 for conspiring to usurp state power as leader of the Gang of Four.

Li Na. aged about 40, wielded enormous power at the height of the Cultural Revolution in 1967 when she was chief editor of the Liberation Army Daily. The position was of particular mportance because the army newsapaper had at that time replaced the People's Daily as the mouthpiece of the Central

EEC presidency changes hands

a presidential election held

beforehand would help General

Ershad to instal himself perma-

General Ershad seized power

in 1982, and named himself

Five of 12 Soviet diplomats

expelled from Bangladesh left

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government violence.

Mitterrand versus Thatcher

France begins its six-month term as president of the EEC's Council of Ministers with the new year. In this second article on the crisis in the EEC. Our Brussels Correspondent, Ian Murray, looks at how French domestic pressures could make the Community's problems even more difficult to solve.



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urgently. As a result the towering the Community.

But the crisis has yet to come because there is still enough money to go round and, unle Britain withholds payment of all or part of its contributions, there will be enough money to go round throughout the French presidency.



President Mitterrand: taking over negotiations himself

It remains an open question whether enough countries will perceive the crisis before the cash runs out in order to summon up the so-called "political will" to do something about it.

Should they do so then President Mitterrand could preside over the creation of the second generation Europe'' which Brussels visionaries have bėen looking towards anxiously for some time. Should the crisis be reached then President Mitterrand will have a handy

scapegoat in Mrs Thatcher. The next six months look like being a classic encounter between the irresistible force of Mrs Thatcher's arguments and the immovable objections of President Mitterrand. Mrs Thatcher actually looked forward in Athens to the crisis ahead as being the one certain way of bringing everyone else to their senses. President Mitterrand, too, looked forward to it as providing the catalyst for decisions.

In Athens he also showed that he intends to take over control of the negotiations from his ministers. It was he who threw the ultimate spanner in the barely moving works of the

budget deal, and by refusing to discuss binding controls on spending - both ideas accepted by French ministers in earlier meetings. French officials involved in

the negotiations admitted pri-

vately that they had been as

amazed as the British by the

way in which the President seemed to ignore all that had M Mitterrand has also underlined his intention of staving in control by his appointment of a close personal friend, M Roland Dumas, as Minister for European Affairs. His chief qualification for the

job would seen to be that he has the ear of the President. Giving in to Mrs Thatcher would cost President Mitterrand dear. He made a great deal of political capital in opposition by accusing his predecessor, M Giscard D'Estaing, of giving way when the first British deal was struck in 1980. It would be difficult for him not to lose a great deal of face if he followed suit.

Equally, he cannot risk the unpopularity that would follow any large-scale reform of the common agricultural policy in which French farmers would lose income. They are already facing a zero price increase this year, and their tempers are notoriously short in these

Given all this, the French President is unlikely to be conciliatory in the chair, unless he believes that success can win him votes. While individual ministers will be urged to make progress on their complicated dossiers. President Mitterrand can be expected to oversee everything with the 1986 French elections in mind.

Tomorrow: Britain holds the key

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> thinking within the Government, and particularly at the Ministry of Defence, seems to point in that direction. astronaut arises because of the decision, announced on December 20 to use the American Skynet satellites. ber 20, to use the American shuttle in preference to the

European Ariane rocket for launching two military com-munications satellites, Skynet IV and B. in late 1985 and

The Church of Scotland was urged today to make a "fresh and clear statement" of its procedures for selecting candidates for the ministry.



before travelling to New Zealand, where Cram, aged 23, intends to spent two months training. On Friday, Cram was awarded the C. N. Jackson Memorial Cup, given by the Amateur Athletics Association to the year's most outstanding athlete.

Iraqi held

for bombing

in Kuwait

Kuwait (AP) - An Iraq wanted in connexion with the December 12 bomb attacks here

against the US and French embassies and other targets has been arrested. A government spokesman said 19 suspects are

spokesman said 19 suspects are now in custody.

Previously, Kuwait had said that 12 people, including a man who died in a suicide attack against the US Embassy, were responsible. All of the initial suspects are identified as members of an underground lengi-based party with al-

Iraqi-based party with legiance to Iran.

Sweden shops

Stockholm (AP) - A power

failure struck Sweden and parts of Denmark stopping trains and underground travel in

Stockolm and darkening stories filled with post-Christmas shop-

pers in three of Sweden's larges

Police accused

negligent homicide in the death of a Belfast-born nun Sister Joan Sawyer, aged 51, killed by police bullets while held hostage

during an attempted prison break. Eight convicts also died.

Rome (AP) - Five people suspected of planning to abduct

Rome countess on Christmas

Day were arrested after police discovered a 9ft deep under-ground "prison" where they

Kidnap foiled

intended to hold her.

in the dark

Israel resolves to stamp out stone-throwing in West Bank

From Christopher Walker, Bethlehem

considering new measures to the possibility of deportation as deter Palestinian stone-throwers, including the demolition of houses and other buildings near punishments that exist," he

the military authorities under draconian security regulations originally drafted by the British in 1945 and still in force in the occupied West Bank.
The probability of their rapid

introduction was disclosed yesterday by Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, during a visit to two of the largest West Bank refugee camps, Balata outside Bethlehem.
While soldiers and security

conferred with senior officers about the new measures, after he make any effort to enter the

streets in the camp.

Dheishe, a sprawling eyesore, which houses about 10,000 refugees, is on the main road in stark contrast to remarks made by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, earlier this been the scene of repeated month when he played down attacks on Jews travelling to the importance of stone-throwand from the large settlement of Kiryat Arba. The Authorities have responded with curfews and by blocking roads in the

The Israeli Government is considered. "We are looking at main roads used by Jewish vehicles, and deportation for those found guilty of inciting young stone-throwers, whom he young stone-throwers, whom he referred to as "hooligans", but Both options are available to to those who incited them.

On the question of the demolition of houses and schools built close to the road, Mr Arens said: "That is certainly an approach we are looking at. It is a common one when it comes to road safety, to make sure that there is space between roads and the area where people move or live. To the extent that this is possible near Nablus and Dheishe for us, this is the correct way to

Camp residents, whose walls men with sub-machine guns are covered in painted-over Palestinian slogans, expressed Palestinian slogans, expressed at a safe distance, Mr Arens anxiety about the proposed measures. Many fear that the Israelis plan to move the entire the recent increase in attacks on camp under a scheme for Jewish settlers. At no time did resettling the Palestinians being considered by the Cabinet. But warren of alleys and narrow Mr Arens denied his unexpec-

criticized by the US State Standing alongside used carStanding alongside used carbepartment which wants to
improve the quality of life of
from a recent riot, Mr Arens
was asked what was being West Bank.



From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

unparalleled wave of labour unrest which yesterday grew nation to rescue Israel econ-more serious when postal omic crisis by the most workers began an indefinite stringent belt-tightening strike which crippled services measures since the right-wing and posed a new threat to the Likud coalition won power in

expected to be hit as trade This discontent - which reducing the standard of living in an effort to rescue the country from its balance-ofweek, violence has erupted at plans. one workers' protest march near the Red Sea port of Eilat and in Jerusalem, an angry crowd of equivalent of the Trades Union Congress, paralysed traffic as it marched through the street, chanting "bread and work".

The violence in Eilat flared when about 150 men protested against the proposed closure of a local copper mine near the site of the historical mines of King Solomon. Tear gas was used to break up the demonstration and one policeman and two demon-

The bulk of the industrial unrest has so far been in the public sector which faces a 3 per cent manpower cut under plans to be presented to the Cabinet by Mr Yigal Cohen-Orgad, the Finance Minister. He is also seeking overall spending cuts of about £1,000m. In addition to the postal strike, the Government faces

other protests. These were yesterday reported to be imminent in the agriculture and transport ministries, the meteorological office, local

militias. But the Ministry said

yesterday that the withdrawal

indicated no change of policy,

ity and tactical reasons".

96injured.

only a redeployment for secur-

Rumours that France was

With inflation approaching said the system would begin 200 per cent, Israel is facing an collapsing later this week. The Government's determi-

1977 has brought an angry Further public services are reaction from its grass roots.

unionists step up their cam- could have severe political paign against the Government's consequences - came to the fore declared intention of cutting at a meeting in Tel Aviv of the real wages by 10 per cent and coalition's dominant Herut reducing the standard of living Party. Mr David Levi, the Deputy Prime Minister, was subjected to scathing criticism payments crisis. Already this of the Government's economic

> Many of the attacks came from oriental Jews from the poorer towns - the group which put the Likud in power and has since maintained it there. Mr Shalom Ovnish from Mr Levi's home town of Beit Shean claimed that in every develop-ment town "what is now missing is only the person who will strike the match to set the

> Mr Ovnish asked: "How much longer will dozens of unemployed youngsters walk around idle? It is the public which gave you the mandate to run the state. This government does not realize who it is

As the social unrest gathers momentum, Mr Shimon Peres. the leader of the main Labour opposition, last week held meetings with Mr Ezer Weizman, the former Defence Minister and Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Energy Minister. This rekindled speculation about possible moves for an early election or an attempt to replace the Government inside

the present Knesset. Interviewed on Israel telegovernment offices and the vision, Mr Peres - whose party Customs and excise department. has taken the lead in recent On Monday night, Mr Asher opinion polls - said: "I am sorry On Monday night, Mr Asher opinion polls – said: "I am sorry to say we have not yet hit bettom economically and it will social Affairs, gave warning take some time, maybe a month." that the ministry's institutions, or two, before people are which serve 100,000 Israelis, convinced that there is simply were on the verge of catastrophe no other option than a change were on the verge of catastrophe as a result of wage demands. He of government."



Lima, Peru (AP). - Two high-ranking prison officials and seven police officers have been ordered to stand trial for Anniversary march: Afghan exiles demonstrating outside the Soviet Embassy in Bayswater Road, London, yesterday, to mark the fourth anniversary of the Russian intervention in Afghanistan (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

EEC in Afghan anniversary appeal to Russia

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

istan by denouncing the to the problem.
continued presence there of On behalf of Britain alone, Soviet troops and calling for Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign and thier withdrawal.

A statement issued from Athens on behalf of the 10 member states of the EEC said

It called on the Soviet Union from Afghanistan".

40 will be delivered next year in

assembled form: the remaining

80 are to be supplied as kits, to

Some of them may be sold to

other Arab countries. Embraer is also a contender

Royal Air Force, which will

soon need 300 new trainers.

The Turano flies at 280 mpb.

and can carry two 120-kilo

Embraer has also now gained

its first firm orders for ten of the

new 30-scater Brasilia feeder

aircraft from a Boston airline.

More than 100 options on the

new plane have now been taken

Embraer hopes that the Brasilia, to cost \$4.5m (£3.1m),

will repeat the success of the 18-

seater Bandeirante, of which

450 have been sold in the past

bombs, and machine-guns.

two-seater

Breakthrough for

Brazilian plane

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

Brazil's Embraer Aircraft seven years, 230 of them

Tucano trainer Britain. However, the Bandei

Company is to sell 120 of its abroad, including several to

planes to Egypt in a contract rante had almost no competitions worth \$180m (£120m). The first tors when it first appeared, and

be assembled in Egypt during and expedition to the Antarctic

the subsequent three years, will leave for a ten weeks'

Britain and other members of urgently to withdraw it troops. European Economic and said the countries were Community yesterday marked ready to support any constructhe fourth anniversary of the tive initiative aimed at finding a Russian invasion of Afghan-lasting and principled solution

Commonwealth Secretary, issued a strong but similar Secretary, statement, which referred to the "brutal and relentless war" remained deeply waged by the Soviet Union, and concerned at continuation of called on the Russians "to the occupation and by the honour their international obli-violation of the independence gations under the UN Charter, and to withdraw their troops

tors when it first appeared, and

there will be four planes to

Antarctic trip: Brazil's sec-

voyage on January 6. Since its

first expedition early this year, Brazil has been admitted as a

strong Antarctic Consultative

Despite its economic diffi-

the continent, due in 1991.

However, it is not proposing

to make a territorial claim for

any part of Antarctica, unlike neighbouring Argentina or Chile, parts of whose claims

overlap and others such as

Britain and Norway.

compete with the Brasilia.

invasion at Christmas, 1979, "countless villages have been destroyed together with their crops and irrigation systems. Tens of thousands of Afghans habe been killed or injured in indiscriminate and violent attacks. Literally millions have been driven abroad as refugees.

In Kabul the Karmal regime, totally dependent on Soviet power for its survival pursues a vicious policy of political repression, imprisonment and torture."

He said that since the More than 100,000 Soviet leader vowed that the rebels troops had failed to suppress the resistance to the occupation. Despite their appalling suffering the Afghan people remained of life and to regain their independence.

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In a communiqué issued from Bonn Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said that blood continued to be shed and no end was in sight.

ISLAMABAD: Afghanistan

yesterday renewed its offer to send home the 105,000 Soviet The spirit of the Afghan people remained unbroken. Send home the 105,000 Soviet troops, but a key resistance

would fight until they drove the Russians out (Renter reports).

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar of the fundamentalist Hezb-I-Islami Party, and vice-president of the seven-party alliance based in Pakistan, rejected any political settlement with the Soviet Union and accused Moscow of trying to deceive the world with its proposal for a negotiated settlement.

The Afghan offer, in a Radio Kabul broadcast, included a demand for international guarantees that all resistance

Villagers go to war with Rhine Army

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The 8,000 inhabitants of the little village of Augustdorf in war on the British Army of the Rhine, and are preparing "active resistance" to the Army's plans to build a concrete mock village near by in which to practise anti-guerrilla warfare.

The Army wants wants to erect a complex of 90 houses on the Sennelager training ground where troops will be able to engage in mock battles and house-to-house fighting. But the proposed ghost village, landscaped to blend in with local architecture, will be only 300 yards from the nearest house of the real village of Augustdorf, whose inhabitants are already up in arms over the countinuous bursts of gunfire

Germany.

from the shooting ranges. At a meeting just before Christmas, the local council voted unanimously to try to halt

construction of the village, due to start early next year, and threatened to march into the closed training area and sit down in protest. They have already sent letters to the British Ambassador in Bonn

DM450m (£112m) in back

taxes, according to reliable

reports here.
The Düsseldorf-based con-

glomerate sold shares in Daimi-er-Benz in 1976 and 1978, and

used much of the proceeds to

invest in the Grace company in

and to Herr Manfred Wörner, the defence Minister, asking

There is little the villagers can do, however, as the training area is governed by a military agreement between Britain and West Germany. The Rhine Army insists, that the mock village, which will include twostorey houses, farmhouses and several "strategic" public buildings, is needed to give its West German forces, practice in street fighting which it says, will be essential in repelling a conventional attack on West

Herr Adolf Steffen, the council director, said August-dorf had been complaining about the noise from the range for the past 10 years, windows had been broken by vibration and school pupils had to sit in the middle of classrooms for fear of glass shattering.

the right channels. The inhabitants of August dorf, however, says there has

been no real consultation.

The Army says it has given roper notice and gone through

Pilot rescued Copenhagen (AP) - Simon Willbourne, aged 32, of Somer-

ton, Somerset, spent 13 minutes in icy water near Copenhagen airport after he ditched a twinengined aircraft in the sea. He was rescued by helicopter.

Arm sewn on

Cape Town (AP) - A Dutch seaman was in satisfactory condition after doctors reattached his severed right arm and his partially severed right leg on Chrismas Eve. He was injured in an accident on board hiş ship.

Sabena strike

Brussels (AP) - Staff of the Belgian airline Sabena went on strike again for one day, after unanimously rejecting a draft agreement reached last week between management and were cancelled.

Rail toll rises

Harrare (Reuter) - The death toll in Zimbabwe's worst railway accident, a Christmas Eve derailment near the coal mining town of Hwange, rose to 34 when three more bodies were found in the wreckage.

Burglar, aged 7

Liège (AP) - A seven-year-old gipsy boy who entered a house at night after breaking a window was arrested in possession of stolen jewelry. Several houses in the area were burgled recently.

Happy couple: An official photograph of Princess

Caroline of Monaco and her fiancé, Signor de Stefano

El Salvador **says 200** rebels killed by Army San Salvador (Reuter) - The

Salvadorean Army has killed more than 250 left-wing guerrillas during a two-week operation in the north east of the country, more than 50 of them in fighting at the weekend, the area commander said.

Many more guerrillas were wounded in the latest infantry for supplying the Tucano to the full member of the now 16and air operation near the village of Sesori, the com mander told Reuters by telephone from his headquarters in San Miguel, 70 miles east of

culties, it has decided it must make an estimated annual outlay of at least \$25m on its He said troops had intercepted groups of guerrillas research programme, so as to qualify to take part in the next meetings to discuss the future of



retreating from fighting in nearby Cindad Barrios, 65 miles north east of the capital.

Radio Venceremos, the guer-

rillas' radio, has said more than 300 soldiers and 15 guerrillas have died during the Army push involving 2,000 troops. The rebels rarely admit

The Army operation was launched after guerrillas briefly took a strategic communi-cations post on December 13. Radio Venceremos has accused the US-backed Army of indiscriminate bombing of villages during the operation. Following similar accusations by Radio Venceremos in the

first week of battle, a Reuter corresponndent in Ciudad Barrios saw no signs of bombing and residents said fighting had taken place outside the village. But military sources said the Army counts as guerrillas the onen unarmed "camp fol-lowers" carrying food and

the United States. Flick claimed 31 per cent tax relief on this reinvestment on the grounds that it was of national economic The Bonn public porseutor maintains that the Economics Ministry agreed to the concession because substantial payments for party funds were given by Flick to Count Lambsdorff, the Minister, and

> Foreign office invites policy group to put case

to his predecessor.

Leaders of the right-wing Adam Smith Research Institute The black market brings a substantial quantity of Western goods from Thailand into are being invited to the Foreign Office to discuss details of their report urging a new approach to British foreign policy. A Foreign Office spokesman said yester-day: "We are always interested in proposals seeking to establish better ways of formulating

foreign policy".

However it seems unlikely that the main conclusion of the report - that Britain should have a national security council will be adopted. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was sceptical about the idea when he spoke to a private meeting of Conservative backcrackdown will last more than a

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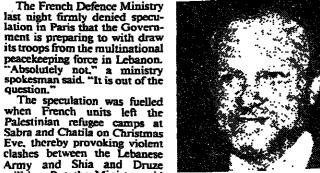
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Paris denies Lebanon pullout



M Charles Heuru: New Year in Chad

rumours by declaring that French policy remained unchanged. He then flew to Beirut to spend Christmas with the French changing its policy were reported contingent and discuss security by several French papers, includand tactics with its commanders.

ing the left-wing Lebération, and picked up by international news multinational group, another 1,000 with the United Nations agencies. Since France joined the multinational force in 1982, 82 of peacekeeping force. They are its soldiers have been killed and supported by the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, which is patrolling Only last week, however, M the Lebanese coast. Its aircrast Charles Hernu, the Defence Minister, tried to stem the include 16 super-Etendards

M Hernu will fly on Saturday to Chad to spend New Year with French troops there. The garrison of 2,800 went to Chad last summer to stiffen Government resistance to rebel forces backed by Libya. French com-manders in Chad can also call upon troops stationed in the neighbouring Central African Republic .

France's Socialist Govern-ment has made few changes in the network of cooperation and military assistance agreements with former colonies around the world. Some 4,500 French troops are in Polynesia, 3,000 in New Guinea and 7,300 in the Antilles and French Guiana. More French forces are based nermanently in former African colonies: 300 in Gabon, 1,200 in the Central African Republic, nd tactics with its commanders.
France has 2,000 soldiers in the

1,200 Senegal, 500 in the Ivory
Coast, and 3,500 in Djibouti.

These numbers understate French strength, however, since many of the troops are specialists who maintain arms, ammunition and weapons systems, including tanks and propelled artillery.

Rock 'n Roll puts Burma authorities in a twist

Rangoon (AFP) - The plainclothes policeman, waving his megaphone towards a group of young rock 'n roll dancers, shouted: "Attention, first warning; it is forbidden to shake the

body".
"We shake our bodies because we feel like it", retorted a resentful youth wearing a Western shirt and faded jeans, cut short and tignt at the ankles. This scene at an annual charity festival symbolizes the gap between the official puritanism of General Ne Win's Government and the wishes of

The star turn of the evening was a group called Playboy, the

privileged Burmese youth, who are able to buy Western goods on the black market. mainly the sons and daughters of influential officials, jeans are better than the traditional longvi (a type of sarong knotted

a country where official propaganda strongly discourages Western tendencies, particularly among young people.

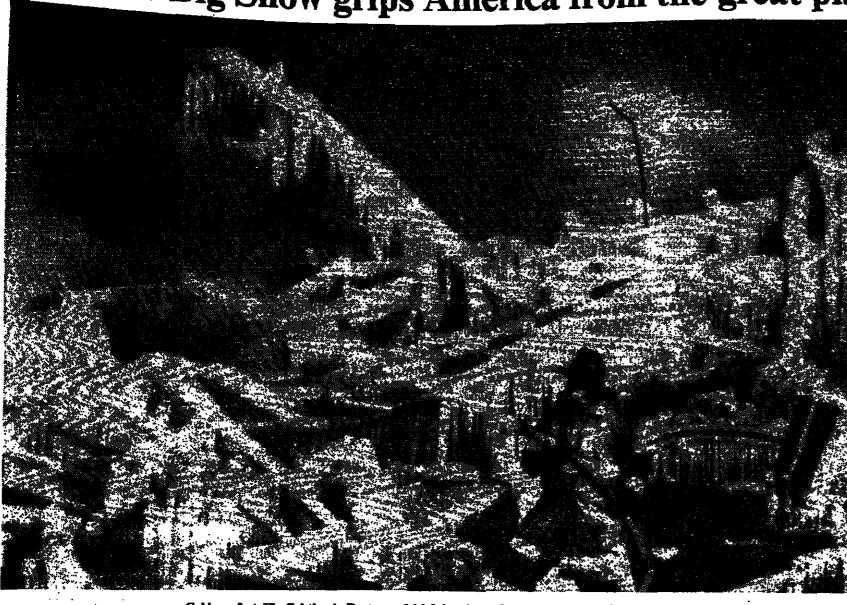
But the Government is apparently unwilling to harass young people too much, so it tolerates popular music on condition that they do not 'shake their bodies".

The Playboy group also manages to placate the authorities while catering to modern tastes by interspersing pop songs with traditionally inspired

Rangoon, where they are in great demand For these privileged children,

at the front).

Police have also begin raiding Rangoon's red light district, and have virtually featured on big publicity posters with the inevitable logo of a pair of bunny ears, is provocative: where pretty young hostesses were available, at a price. But Rangoon people doubt if the



Cold comfort: Firefighting in Boston and (right) trying to keep oranges warm in Florida.

Worse to come as death toll rises to 270

Her name was Sunshine. Her mother American winters of the century has climbed to nearly 270.

There have been 10 days of record was collecting Christmas presents from the home next door. It was not until predicted yesterday that more bitterly

cold weather can be expected.

About 100 of those whose deaths are and found her body frozen in a porch. she had gone from door to door tying to get in after the door had locked behind attributed to the weather have frozen in their homes and on the streets. In New York the cold has contributed to 14 deaths and this figure includes six people who froze to death on the streets,

n the subway or in derlict buildings. In South Dakota tons of coal were sent to reservations where Indians were Near Albany, capital of New York state, a girl of two froze to death when burning their furniture to keep warm. she got out of bed on Christmas Eve

Christmas morning that she was missed. They followed her footprints

survived more than 10 minutes in temperatures of minus 10F.

Gulf of Mexico and scores of cities have recorded their lowest ever temperatures.

In Miami Florida, the temperature fell to 33f the city's lowest December figure. Throngout Florida, Lousiana and Texas there is concern about the citrus crop as organges freeze on trees and green vegetables are blighted. Losses are running into many billions of dollars and thousands of fruit pickers have

People in the southern states are suffering particulally because they are not used to severe winters and freezing

Nationalistes

Left Nationalists), a minority

suggestions that Sinn Fein the

political wing of the IRA,

should be outlawed after the

According to a communique

for the social, political and

for eight hours yesterday and

will do so again today for

repairs to runways, taxiways

and lighting systems, while the

authorities in several Spanish

cities have closed dozens of

discotheques for alleged

According to airport sources,

the airliner collision and fire on December 7 which took the lives of 93 people, damaged

asphalt surfaces and signal

lights, making repairs necessary.

However, the Spanish Airline Pilots' Association complained

breaches of safety regulations.

d'Esquerra

Spain shuts airport and

discos for safety's sake

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Reacting to recent disasters, immediately after the disaster.

the civil aviation authorities that there were defects in the

closed Barajas airport, Madrid marking and lighting of run-for eight hours yesterday and ways and taxiways which were a

cause of the accident.

The discotheques' closure

follows a fire in Madrid on

December 17 which resulted in

83 deaths. Mayors in many

cities have been closing disco-

theques, cinemas and other

places of entertainment which

fail to provide adequate safety

The mayor of the south-east-

ern city of Murcia is reported to

have shut 20 establishments,

provoking an angry protest from local businessmen.

A television report yesterday showed suffering from frost bite in Atlanta,

been a spate of fires caused by overloaded heaters and firemen hav had to cope with ice as well as fires. One Lake Erie an icebreaker battling to free 14 cargo vessels trapped

in the ice. There was a relative respite yester

day in parts of the country as temperature rose above zero for the first time in more than 2 week, But forecasters said that more very cold air is on its way from North-West Canada.



Cuba may be drawn into Pretoria-Luanda war

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

engaged for the first time in certainly shoot. more than two years in extensive fighting with Angolan troops in southern Angola, and there is a risk that the 25,000 Cubans estimated to be in that country could become directly

The fighting was initially described last week by General Constand Viljoen, the chief of the South African Defence Force, as a limited campaign against the guerrilla bases of The South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

The aim of the campaign, he said, was to blunt an expected annual rainy-season southward thrust by Swapo guerrillas from their Angolan sanctuary into northern Namibia. Swapo has been fighting for Namibia's independence for the past 17

However, late on Monday, speaking to South African journalists on his return to Pretoria after spending Christ-mas with his troops, General Viljoen largely confirmed Angolan claims of heavy fighting and accused the Angolans and Cubans of sheltering Swapo.

Swapo was "playing a tortoise-like game", General Viljoen said. When things are quiet, and we are not there, Swapo gets out of its Faplat (Angolan army) shell and moves away, scurrying back when we appear. It's a very tricky situation. But if Fapla

African forces are gets in the way, we shall bush of the Kavango region "We do not like becoming

involved with Fapla and Cuban forces and would rather respect them in their areas and expect could not stand by while Swapo ation" near the town benefited from the protection provided by the sophisticated weapons supplied to Fapla by the Soviet Union and Cuba. The general said the oper-

ation had begun as long ago as town. December 6, although reports of heavy fighting only emerged a week ago. "It will go on until we reach our target - to knock Swapo for six and stop plans to infiltrate South West Africa, mainly the Sector 10 Ovambo area." he said. According to General Vil-joen, as many as 1,400 Swapo

troops, fresh from retraining in Angolan bases, could be involved in the rainy-season offensive. Seven companies of between 120 and 140 men each are advancing south along four infiltration routes in the central

and western regions of southern Angola, he said.

This part of Angola is directly north of the Ovamboland region of Namibia, where there is widespread support for offer to disengage its forces over Swapo. From there, if the a trial period of 30 days from experience of recent years is any slip eastward through the thick

Catalan political organization and then south into the white has sent a letter of protest to Mrs Margaret Thatcher about farmlands around the copper mining town of Tsumeb.

General Viljoen said the five South African soldiers whose them to respect our fight against deaths were announced last Swapo. We drop leaflets telling week had been killed "when a Harrods bombing. It called such a possibility "a repressive Swapo. We drop leaflets telling them that our argument is with Swapo and not with them, "the bushed and attacked a platoon argument is with them, the bushed and attacked a platoon argument is with them, the bushed and attacked a platoon argument is with them. general said. But South Africa involved in a follow-up operpeople". Caiundo, just over 100 miles inside Angola in the province of Cuando Cubango. He denied Angolan claims that the platoon had been trying to capture the

> He also made no mention of the Angolan allegation that the -South Africans had occupied the town of Cassinga, more than 150 miles north of the Namibia-Angolan border, and denied that South African aircraft had been shot down during the operation while attacking civilian targets.

General Viljoen did however, that Soviet-made Sam 8 missiles had been fired at South African fighter planes, fuelling speculation that the destruction of anti-aircraft missile sites could be one of the main aims of the operation.

Another suggestion is that the South Africans want to punish the Angolans for their brusque rejection of Pretoria's recent January 31, 1984, provided Angola undertook to restrain

Protest note to Thatcher

Catalans back IRA bombers

From Harry Debelius, Madrid nationalist liberties of the Irish

Here in Spain, meanwhile, the Justice Ministry is studying whether political encouragement of ETA Basque terrorists Leaders of Herri Batasuna -

the left-wing Peoples Unity party which acts as a front for ETA - said at a news conference that ETA attacks on policemen and soldiers could be con-Justice officials are determin-

distributed to journalists here ing whether the remarks were the Catalan party also sent a an infringement of the law note to Sinn Fein leaders urging known as "apology for terror-them "to continue the struggle ism".

Speaking for Herri Batasuna,

of the Basque party said: "The Spanish flag is the symbol of oppression. It is not our flag. Prague attacks Washington's

Unesco threat

Señor Jon Idigoras said: "ETA's

sidered legitimate at this time

because there are no political and democratic channels

through which the aspirations

of the Basque people can be

gives the Basques autonomous

regional government because it

did not include the possibilty of

the Basque country seceding

and the Army "occupation

Another prominent member

He rejected the statute that

realized.

forces".

Vienna (Reuter) - By threat-ening to leave UNESCO. America was, planning either to break the educational, scientific and cultural organization of the UN, or to gain decisive influence over it, Czechoslovakia yesterday claimed.

"The destructive US policy does not end with the announced withdrawal from UNESCO," the Czechoslovak Communist Party daily, Rude Pravo, said, Washington's hostility to the UN had been shown in September, when New York and New Jersey authorities refused to let Soviet Aircraft

have a life of two to five years.

immobilized by an anaesthetiz-

ing dart fired from a shotgun.

During the implant operation,

they are blindfolded to shield

their eyes, which stay open, from the sun, and sprayed with

water to prevent over-heating

as they no longer pant when

The lionesses are first

Andropov's letter of apology leaves gaps

President Andropov's unpreedented absence from this week's delayed Central Com- beginning". mittee plenum has caused

that while assurances that Mr drawing up the plan, but the Andropov's disability is "tem- task now was to work hard porary" may be largely accepted despite the difficulties - "of in Russia, the lack of visible which there are many" - and leadership could eliminate bottlenecks. Kremlin seriously affect Moscow's dialogue with the West. In a speech made in absentia

on Monday and published on the front page of *Pravda* yesterday, Mr Andropov apologized for not attending the plenum because of "temporary causes". "I have attentively studied all the materials which underlie the plan for the coming year", he wrote. "I thought a gret deal about them and was preparing to speak and outline

Observers said that this was intended to give the impression that Mr Andropov had recently recovered but suffered a temporary relapse. An explanation eccepted by some Russians. Others were sceptical, however, pointing out that Mr Andropov had not appeared for five months and was clearly serious-

The Central Committee is not easily persuaded", one Kremlin watcher commented. "It consists of over 300 hardheaded politicians with their eyes on the next succession struggle"

Until last week there were persistent reports that Mr Andropov had convalesced after a kidney operation and would reappear before the plenum, but he failed to do so. The plenum, usually held in November, was delayed for a month to allow time for recovery. It is to be followed today and tomorrow by a Supreme Soviet (Parliament) session on the 1984 budget. It is now thought unlikley that Mr Andropov will be present.

In his speech Mr Andropov sought to maintain the momentum of his drive for efficiency and discipline, referring to management reforms and labour discipline campaigns initiated since he came to power just over a yea ago. He noted

"changes for the better", but added: "This is only the Mr Andropov said that the anxiety among party officials 1984 plan would both raise

despite the ailing leader's production of consumer goods determined attempt to give a strong lead from behind the scenes.

Failings in the Soviet system Officials reportedly believe had led to "a certain strain" in

"I have to say bluntly that roper concern for reducing labour costs is not shown in some sectors", he added sternly, in a flash of the old Andropov style of a year ago. He lashed out at incompetent

managers who paid workers undeserved bonuses, at factories which failed to reduce costs by using resources wisely, at planning agency jargon and consumer goods shortages. "Inefficiency and ignorance of real market conditions mean that products are either scarce or pile up unwanted, and this gives rise to popular discontent"

One informed Russian said: "It would have been a powerfu and effective speech if delivered in person. But how many in the party will listen to a man who was not there?" Mr Andropov's speech was

not that of a man who is thinking of stepping down, and the promotion of Andropov associates such as Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov and General Viktor Chebrikov seems designed to ensure that his policies are carried out. Mr Vorotnikov. who is only 57, must now be considered a leadership contender in the Andropov mould. With Mr Mikhail Solomentsev. aged 70, the Politburo now numbers 13, and Mr Andropov can probably count on a mathematical majority. Tass yesterday anounced that

the plenum had ended with no important speeches on the second day. Observers had expected a statement on foreign policy - a subject not touched on by Mr Andropov - but it now seems that the Soviet leadership's view of East-West relations will be stated by a senior leader today or tomorrow at the Supreme Soviet. Leading article, page 11

Lionesses put on the pill to give wildebeeste a sporting chance Each capsule is reckoned to Namibia

From our own correspondent Etosha National Park,

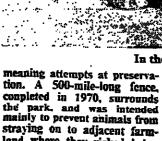
An over-supply of lions in Namibia's Etosha National Park, one of the world's largest, most varied and perhaps least-known reserves, has given rise to Africa's most unusual experiment in family planning. Led by Dr Hu Berry, a

research biologist, a small team of specialists is hoping to establish that the park's lion population can be controlled by implanting time-release contraceptives in lionesses rather captres in nonesses rather than by the traditional method of culling.

The park takes its name from the Etosha Pan, a bleached expanse of alkaline

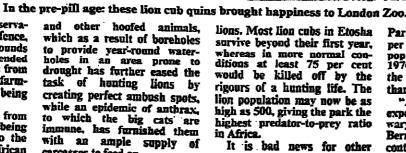
clay stretching to the horizon and hundreds of feet deep, which occupies more than fifth of the reserve's 8,530 square miles. The pan is believed to be the dried-out bed of a prehistoric lake.

Driving out along one of the spits jutting into the pan, you can easily imagine yourself a lone explorer or some dead and alien planet. But the pan's wooded southern rim, punctuated by watering places, paradoxically teems with one of the richest and most visible concentrations of wild life in Africa. Some of that richness is now threatened by man's well-



straying on to adjacent farmland where they risked being It also shelters game from the Bitter bush war being fought in Ovamboland to the north between South African forces and guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which

has been fighting for 17 years for Nambia's independence from South African rule. But the fence has also stopped the age-old, seasonal migration of wilderbeest, zebra



carcasses to feed on. It seems that rain-filled gravel pits, left behind after the building of gravel roads for the benefit of the 50,000 visitors attracted to the park each year, are almost ideal incubators of anthrax bacteria because of the This is all good news for

lions. Most lion cubs in Etosha survive beyond their first year. whereas in more normal con-ditions at least 75 per cent would be killed off by the rigours of a hunting life. The lion population may now be as high as 500, giving the park the highest predator-to-prey ratio

It is bad news for other animals, especially those who cannot stray far from water. The number of blue wildebeest, for example, has dropped from 25,000 in the mid-1950s to only 2,500 today, the Zebra population has also declined. Putting lionesses on the pill could be part of the answer. In

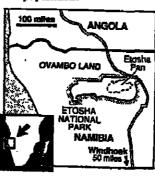
South Africa's Kruger National

Park. Dr Berry recalls, some 65 per cent of the entire lion population was shot in the mid-1970s. But within 17 months the number of lions was bigger

"As a result of this and other experiences we are now very wary of culling predators", Dr Berry says. "So we are testing contraception on lionesses. Contraception is more humane does not destroy the genetic stock and is reversible". Since July last year ovu-

lation-suppressing capsules have been implanted in the shoulder muscle of 10 lionesses from five prides by Dr Berry and a gynaecologist who comes up from Windhoek, the Namidrugged.
None of the 10 lionesses has had a cub since being treated, and rigorous monitoring has so far failed to reveal any adverse ide-effects. Unfortunately, it seems that cow elephants are too big and dangerous to be amenable to

the same treatment, which would require almost a military operation involving a helicopter and ground support. Some 220 elephants had to be shot in Etosah this year because of over-population.



Grave problem for China By Tony Samstag

About six million Chinese, China' land is cultivated,

the equivalent of the population averaging a quarter-acre for of Switzerland, die each year, and burying them all would theoretically need 10,000 acres of land and more than 70 million cu ft of timber.

The old burial customs required selecting an auspicious grave site according to portents of wind and water. Earthscan

The Chinese government is. accordingly, intensifying its 30year-old campaign to promote cremation and simplify funeral services, according to Earthscan, the London-based environment and development information agency.

Just over 10 per cent of

reports. "More often than not good farmland was occupied. In Peking between 1949 and 1964 graves used over 526 acres of fertile fields."

There are about 2,500 crematoria in China which account for 90 per cent of all bodies in the cities, but only 30 per cent

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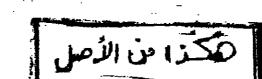
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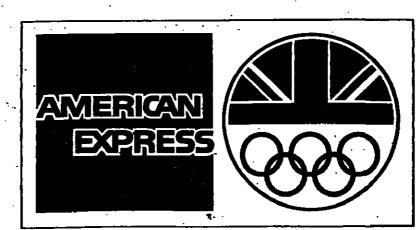
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Helping Britain's Team to the Olympics

The pornographic free-for-all has run out of promise in Sweden. Sex crimes have not diminished, prostitution thrives.

But a puritan backlash has begun with vigilantes raiding the porn shops and the rise of a God-loving pop star

End of the non-stop sex show

By Chris Mosey

The first snowflakes of winter dance in the air to a strange beat. In the futuristic heart of Stockholm - a square called Sergels Torg which is confiscated by a state tax collector with bleakly modern and paved in black the wonderfully appropriate name of and white - Maria Johansson, aged 65.

Miss Birgitta Prim. is seated at a portable electric organ playing and singing, slightly off-key, "I have a Friend in Jesus"

across a walkway into another towerment. This is now empty, waiting to play bost to the Stockholm Peace Mrs Soder is just desolate new frontier to their former headquarters on Holy Ghost Island in the city's medieval Old Town.

buses bound for the suburbs.

Behind the church, just across the beverages may be served. street, is a garishly painted red and blue door with the words "Non-Stop longer true - the show has stopped.

tier of sorts, has also been abandoned. A container by the kerbside has been filled with the non-saleable fittings of a club that once lured tourists from all over the world to "Europe's wildest sex only in the latter half of the last show". In a dimly-lit basement the century. photofit blondes with empty eyes were overdressed if they wore stockings.

Today Sexorama has been gutted by

lights, mirrors from the private posing rooms. TV sets that once screened

Two women, Miss Prim and Sweden's former Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs Karin Soder, have Behind her, a monolith of steel in between them contrived to end the concrete and glass, stands The House reign of Mr Ulrich Geismar, once of Culture, built like everything else in dubbed "Sweden's King of Sex" by the sight in the late 1950s or early 1960s. nation's tabloid press. Mr Geisman The same building extends backwards now lives quietly in Spain, where he across a walkway into another tower-has been "unavailable for comment" ing modern edifice, which until for some time. Miss Prim would like to recently housed the Swedish Parlia- ask him about the £150,000 she claims

Mrs Soder is just happy about his Conference in 1984. In an act of departure. The last vestiges of Geisunconscious symbolism, the parlia- mar's "kingdom" are the now-pad-mentarians have withdrawn from this locked doors of Sexorama and his other property, the more oppulent Chat Noir, of which he once boasted on local television that customers Maria looks up through watery eyes and smiles. "I have been singing here for II years", she says, "There is a need for God's message here – there market in a twilight world of sexual are so many unhappy people in fantasy which is being slowly eradi-

Three stops away on the Underground lies another of Maria's venues, came on to the statute book this year. A law drafted by Mrs Soder, which an older, more human square called has so severely curbed the activities of Odenplan, where drunks shiver on Sweden's sex clubs that most of them park benches in the shadow of Gustav have shut up shop. At their peak in the Vasa Church and commuters hurry early 1970s there were 14 in Stockholm through the gathering darkness to catch alone; today there are just two, and one seedy topless "bar", where no alcoholic

A country that only a decade ago was lauded by liberals the world over Show" stencilled across it. This is no for its daring social reforms and sexual liberty has, in the space of relatively Sexorama, another desolate new fron- few years, gone back to its roots. A narrow puritanism has always been the dormant heart of a basically agrarian society, hurled into the modern age by an industrial revolution which arrived

Towards the end of the 1960s and in the early 1970s, before the traumas of recurring energy crises and economic the bailiffs. Such accourrements that tribulations became commonplace, the were of value - amplification equip- future was always only just around the ment to back the striptease, flashing corner, like a shining liberated dream



Maria Johansson spreads the gospel. Right top, pop singer Carola Haggkvist and, above, porn-fighter Karin Söder

beckoning seductively. Everything seemed possible for those in the vanguard of social change.

Their crusade towards a brave new world that never arrived led, in 1971, to the repeal of the already outdated Law on the Offending of Decency and Morality, which had until the mid1960s been used by the police to suppress pornography. With its disappearance the floodgates opened.



Ulrich Geismar, the king of sex whose realm is now behind locked doors

Mrs Gina Sundin, originally from Spain, is one of the few survivors. She runs an establishment called Cabaret disco music and soundtracks laden with heavy breathing, at the end of an exceptionally grey, dismal street not far from Stockholm's Central Station.

Although her club has picked up many of Ulrich Geismar's former customers, life in a changing society has not been easy. "When I first opened, everything was allowed", she says. "Now they want to forbid it all. Swedes have never really been able to enjoy themselves without suffering from a bad conscience afterwards. Soon there will be more things forbidden in this society than are

Mrs Soder's law stopped only just short of banning striptease. It outlawed

instead "sexually provocative poses". Detective Inspector Torsten Aslund, of the Stockholm vice squad, said: "The law allows striptease and the showing of pornographic films, nothing more. A series of raids and court cases has resulted, "Some of my best customers are policemen nowadays", said Mrs Sundin, "As a taxpayer, I feel I am getting something back for my

Curiously, it is often the selfsame sexual liberals of yesteryear who now spearhead the advance of the new puritanism in Swedish society. Mr Hans Nestius, chairman of a peculiarly Swedish organization called the National Association for Sexual Information, which fought for the repeal of the Law on the Offending of Decency and Morality, now bitterly regrets the consequences.

"When we took up the fight against the ban on pornography, the pornogra-phy that was around was shouldy, very bad quality. We thought we would bring about a happy, warm, sensual pomography – everything should be free and open", he says.

From his office window in Kungs-

gatan, Stockholm's equivalent to London's Oxford Street, Mr Nestius now looks out on the H.Son emporium, Sweden's biggest pornographic book shop, lately extended to include private film and video booths and an air-conditioned cinema. Mr Nestius regards it with disgust.

"Pornography doesn't stand for Nana, an oasis of flashing lights, loud sexual freedom, for openness, for sexual radicalism, as I once maintained myself. It is dark and musty inside a porn shop - there is a lot of shame and guilt there. The men who stand leafing through the merchandise always look dreadfully oppressed." The arguments the sexual liberals

used in the 1960s have nearly all rebounded on them: that pornography and the sex clubs would provide a sexual outlet for the handicapped and the elderly (surveys show that customers are overwhelmingly ordinary, usually married men, most frequently in their thirties or forties); that sex crimes would diminish as repressed sexual energy was given an escape valve (apart from indecent exposure,

all such crimes have increased steadily); that prostitution would become a thing of the past (the world's oldest

profession still plies its trade). Nestius, typical of the "New Puritan", sees no irony in his change of heart. He is merely continuing the crusade for sexual freedom, but in a different way. His association's July campaign, titled "Fight for Love", in which he and other members visited the holiday beaches of the Baltic island

of Gotland quizzing and advising young Swedes on their sexual habits, was a huge success (certainly a greater success than it would have been at Blackpool, where such "openness" might well have earned Mr Nestrus a fat lip).

The New Puritanism has also seen the emergence in Swedish society of the sex vigilante. Groups of militant women carry out night-time raids on porn shops and sex clubs, daubing them with feminist slogans and occasionally harassing customers. It was these women who plastered posters all over Stockholm earlier this year with the registration numbers of kerb-crawling cars and advised people to telephone the licensing authority for the names and addresses of the owners (something the authority is required by law to divulge).

The new mood is no better exemplified than in pop music. Yesterday's idol was blonde Abba raiiskog, who once bounced around the stage with a vitality that earned her the title "sexiest bottom in Europe". Today's is Carola Haggkvist, aged 17, whose stage garb is usually a singularly shapeless white judo costume, and who delights in taking about her belief in God.

Foreigners are frequently caught unaware by the shift in Swedish attitudes. Dennis Hopper arrived to take the leading role in a new British-Swedish coproduction titled The Inside Man wearing a "Pornography is Fun" badge, given him by Larry Flint, publisher of Hustler, the notorious American men's magazine.

"I gather it no longer is", he said. "I've been getting some strange looks. I'd better get rid of the thing."

moreover... Miles Kington

Cheese and ham, Big Brother

The last time I renewed my TV licence, I

decided to round it up to £50 from £46 in order to give the BBC a bit of spare cash I have always believed the licence fee was far too small, especially when I am being employed by radio, and I sincerely believed that if I paid the bill, and left a £4 tip. it would make the BBC feel better, and the tip might come back to me eventually. So I sent off a cheque for £50. it came back, marked "incorrect amount" I sent it off again, explaining that it was the correct amount, plus a bit over. It came back again, with a letter telling me that there was no machinery for accepting any amount except £46. Back I wrote again, asking in that case how I could donate the extra money to the BBC. The gentleman in Swansea replied, humorously under the circumstances I thought that I should send the money direct to the BBC and that the best man to get in touch with was the Director-General.

This I did not do. Bribery is not a thing [condone, and although my motives would have been of the purest, it would have looked very bad if it ever got out that I was sending cash direct to the top of the BBC, so I decided to keep the money for a rainy day. In any case, one never knows, does one, just what might have happened to the money it might have been used to buy another American programme, or keep Desmond Wilcox on, something I didn't entirely approve of, and then it would have been embarrassing to write and ask for my

The rainy day came sooner than I thought I was travelling to Bath by Inter-City 125, and British Rail have now tinted the windows so that every day on Inter-City looks like a rainy day. I went to the buffet. I dithered between buying a toasted ham sandwich and buying a toasted cheese sandwich. Eventually compromised by asking for a toaster ham and cheese sandwich.

'Can't do that, I'm afraid, sir."
'Haven't got the ingredients?" I asked.

Oh, yes, we've got the ham and cheese all right, but we haven't got a price for a ham and cheese sandwich. Sorry, sir." It was the TV licence situation all over

again. He hadn't got the machinery.
There was a little regulation which
stopped him from solving the problem,
even though he could quite easily have improvised round it. And this situation crops up again and again in British life. Personally, I feel it's because we haven't go

a written constitution. Not being governed by a constitution is always said to be a good thing, and no doubt it is considering the constitutions that some nations have landed up with, but it has to be compensated for somewhere, and we compensate by having millions of tiny regulations. Because we feel instinctively that they are

silly, we tend to by-pass them wherever

possible. The most notable example of

this is the work-to-rule syndrome. Whenever trade unionists want to protest against something, one of their first weapons is threatening to work to rule in other words, threatening to obt the regulations which they should be obeying all along. Behaving normally is seen to be an exceptional state of affairs. Meanwhile, without realizing it perhaps, we have all become used to winking at regulations and passing by on the other side. George Orwell had a word for it. He called it doublethink. When we talk about doublethink, we like to see it on a grand scale and think of Russia, where they talk communism in public and think other thoughts in private. But on a petty scale, we are just as guilty of doublethink. Big Brother isn't watching us; he too is working out ways of getting

round the rules. Incidentally, Orwell also forcast that Big Brother's. It's George Orwell's previewby 1984, looking down at us. Well, there is a face looking down at us as we go into the famous year, and a name that is on everybody's lips, but it isn't Big Brother's. It's George Orwell's, previewing a thousand productions and features. I wonder if he would have been amused.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

A treasure house built on Johnson's baby powder

The fine art of marrying well

lacquer cabinet, the highest price is a vast pharmaceutical business 14-year marriage.

ever paid at auction for a piece of and Mr Seward Johnson left her Polish workers. furniture. This was the first time around \$300m at his death. that she was rumbled by the press as an auction purchaser, which is pretty good going since she and her explains, and he settled \$160m on husband, who died in May at the each of them about ten years ago on

villa that they built on their 140acre estate just outside Princeton in the US. It was completed in 1976. "The local papers have been terrible," says Basia. "They even terrible," says Basia. "They even had helicopters fly over the house to spy on us. They have said it has 50 rooms but actually there are very

She explains that they were it. Now I can spend nothing until deceived because she likes to have the legal actions have been settled." very large rooms so that she can hang her tapestries - she prefers Flemish sixteenth-century courtly through London recently on her scenes. "Besides, I like to have air. For furniture she prefers the French bell to be cast at the Whitechapel eighteenth century and the English Adam style. "And George III," she adds, "for the library bookcases." However if something is nice design by Vignola, the sixteenth enough she will buy a piece outside century Italian architect, and her favourite periods. She spent features a square exterior, circular £15.120 on a pair of early eighteenth century English Petu paint embroidered cushions at Johnson's collection of religious art Christie's Godmersham sale in and it is to be opened to the public.

enemies - I think they envy me."

two previous marriages, his widow age of 87, have been quietly buying at top prices for 14 years.

The collection is housed in the more at his death, "I had made to be a second to be a secon pillared and porticoed Palladian friends with all of them," she says sadly. "And they all came to the house. But 24 hours after the will

From poor immigrant to museum-builder

"Nothing" on Mrs Johnson's lips is a relative term. As she passed

way to Rome, she commissioned a Foundry for the chapel she is building in the woods near her house. The chapel is based on a interior and dome. The purpose of the chapel is to house Mrs

Mrs Seward Johnson, Basia to her reason for envy. She arrived in born in Poland and is a passionate friends, is forming a stupendous art America from Poland in 1968 with Polish patriot. Her husband came to collection. She spent £990,000 at \$100 and married into the share her love of the country which collection. She spent £990,000 at \$100 and married into the share her love of the country which Sotheby's in July on a French Johnson's baby powder fortune. It they visited many times during their

Polish workmen built the pavilion in the Johnson's park, and There were six children by his Polish craftsmen made the magnificent stone and wrought iron baroque gateway

On either side of these gates Mrs Johnson intends to build a public art gallery. One is to house her collection of Renaissance art, the other her collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. Mrs. Johnson is unostentatious in

appearance. She doesn't go in for jewelry, "but I like nice clothes" from Paris and Rome. Her soft brown hair has been simply dressed by a top hairdresser. She has a stocky Polish build and exudes

After completing a BA and MA in art history at Breslau University. she managed to obtain a visa for a five-day visit to Rome in 1967. Once there, she persuaded the American embassy to allow her an immigrant visa. In 1968 she left not what she had in mind. After ten Rome for New York, where she

knew not a soul. She disliked New York, where the Polish immigration committee had booked her into a cheap hotel. Knowing virtually no English, she decided that housework or cooking were her only hopes for a job. "I thought I was a good cook," she laughs. She got a job in the

June.

Mrs Johnson had never spoken rise.

On one side of the big bronze me immediately," she says, some-photographs." she said to me. "I bell, the death of Mr Seward how managing to pronounce the Johnson this year is to be comname.in just that way that a servant refers to her mistress. This was the Johnson's country home. them I go allocated the servy me."

dation of Solidarity in Poland in reigning Mrs Johnson, whose place
They would have very good 1980. Mrs Johnson, aged 64, was she was to take.



French lacquered cabinet once owned by Louis XVI that fetched a record price at Sotheby's in July

"I didn't know how to cook American cooking and many things went wrong. So Mrs Johnson said I could look after the children and do housework. I was very happy," But a life of domestic drudgery was

months with the Johnsons as a living-in servant, she had saved \$4,000. She rented a little flat in New York, and planned to go to college and learn English.

Basia was promised "help for a better life"

And then something extraordinary happened. She received a message from some Polish friends that Mr Johnson was very anxious to see her. He sent a car to collect her and bring her to his office. "I

when you were in our house working.

And I remember at Cape Cod one Picasso. time I had a beautiful bathing suit I bought for \$20 and I was passing by his boat on the beach and he looked at me. His daughter Jenniser told me later that the boat was nearly crashing because I was on the

According to Basia, the million-aire now told her: "I like to help you with a better life. I like to send you to school of diving because I

am very interested in the ocean."

Seward Johnson confided another secret to his former servant. "He said, 'My dream - not only the ocean - but always my dream was to have an art collection came not knowing what is going on. I don't dare collect because I don't

He said, 'I fell in love with you have the right education.' "He and Basia went to an art dealer where Basia was able to demonstrate her "I never expect it, because we could hardly talk to each other of their romance with the purchase Sometimes. I took his tea upstairs, of a Mondrian, a Monet and a

> Johnson got a divorce from his wife and in 1971, he and Basia married. "We had already a lot of paintings by that time," says Basia. Along with art collecting, the couple pursued Johnson's love of oceanography. They established the Harbor Branch Foundation at Fort

> Pierce in Florida Basia Johnson looks on her inheritance as enormous fun, but also, she says, as a sacred trust to the memory of her husband. "I know my husband's dreams," she says. "That is why he wanted to

leave it all to me."

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Homeward bound

It has become crazily anti-feminist to suggest that the home is the most important place in the world. To say so is now to imply, by some sleight of the language, that one believes women ought to be home-based and look after their own children. And of course, I am saying that, but not

Years ago I remember being told by a Viennese savant of great years that there was no more deprived woman in the world than the modern western housewife, marooned in a house with nothing to do, or sharing her imprisonment with badly bored children. She had no part in her husband's working life. She would soon called She would soon relinquish her children to the school system, and probably do so with relief.

Indeed, it is much of the poignancy of the woman in Noel Coward's Brief Encounter that her life was so confined to the Boots, the Kardomah with the string band, and the railway tea room. Hers was indeed the Barbara Pym world of minute detail and small excitements. Unable to be adulterous; she returns to dull old hubby and her nice house and accepts her lot. Such a woman they are with us still as married men seem to enjoy permissiveness more than married women - runs a high risk of losing touch with the world, to the point where she is as solitary

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Yet she probably finds more tranquility than modern working women, behind whom lurk considerable guilt about the quality of their mothering and their womanhood. I say this not merely because I detect or surmise it, but because honest and ambitious women have

My old Viennese described a peasant life he had seen all over east and middle Europe. It had its failings, but it had economic and domestic equality between men and women. Each was vital to the household economy, and knew it. I have worked with middle-aged peasants in France. A man did as much cooking as his wife let him, and rode a slender, athletic racing bike. The woman was a powerful companion to him in the fields. He did, it is true, most of the work on the tractor. But she liked driving it more than he did.

However you cannot be a peasant farmer in Greenwich or Grimsby and Celia Johnson's stoicism is somehow inappropriate now. And so the nanny industry flourishes. Some women have broken out of the home, and the only surprising thing is that too few of them have yet realized that in doing so they are only mimicking the disastrous mistakes of their menfolk. They have renounced doing and exchanged it for earning.

Believing, as I do, that modern methods of economic production especially because they depend on a profligate use of natural resources and on misconceptions of what "growth" is - are shortly going to be redundant, it becomes important to develop alternative patterns of work and the provision of goods and services. It seems to me likely that among the changes will be a huge decline in earning power, and thus of the willingness and ability to pay taxes, and finally of the state's capacity to provide professional

I have a feeling that a great deal of relaxed, lateral, hard thinking is going to have to be done over the next few years. Some of it will stem from an understanding that computers make sitting in offices as redundant as it is boring and expensive in commuter energy. Out of it will come a new understanding of the amateur, the home-based, the voluntary. Fewer women will be longing for the day when they can abandon their children in favour of the sharp-edged briefcase. And fewer men will conceive the briefcase as their lot. A woman's place is very often in the home - and so is a

Richard North

Castaways come in from the cold

Cindy Buxton and Annie Price have

braved war and isolation to become

two of Britain's leading wildlife

film-makers, as Nancy Mills reports

show your latest film. It was a bit of a struggle at the beginning, but you

just go on until you get what you

persistent. When the British Antarctic Survey Commission told her

South Georgia was not a place for women, she would not take no for an answer. "The Americans have a

number of women scientists work-

ing in their Antartic bases", she says, "but the British have only men

in their teams. It took me nine

months to persuade them." At the

time, she and Price were already

filming in the Falklands.
"They had the old-fashioned idea

that the conditions were too harsh

and severe for us", she says. "I think

they finally said yes because they got fed up with me telephoning them all the time. But once they'd agreed,

they gave us lots of help and advice

on such subjects as when to cross

glaciers and how to read clouds. The

My main contact with the outside

world was a technician. His was not

Having informed me that I would be

extremely lonely - rather an understatement - he only paused to

comment on my continued exist-

ence: "Still there?" and to enlighten me on the latest weather develop-

wrote letters, read the papers, made

numerous abortive attempts at

reading as opposed to writing it (I had the time but lacked inspiration).

Unfortunately I could not persist in

such commendable activities. The

poor lighting and warm atmosphere in my cubby hole meant that by

mid-afternoon I had invariably

degenerated into a state of dor-

mancy and only revived to consume

sufficient Yorkie bars to sustain

convoys of lorry drivers.

crosswords, finished a book

At first I was highly industrious. I

ments: "Still cold."

particularly talkative nature.

Buxton, in her early 30s, is quite

When Cindy Buxton and Annie easier and easier because you can Price arrived on the island of South show your latest film, It was a bit of Georgia in the South Atlantic in October 1981, all they had on their minds were king penguins - the three feet high variety identifiable by the swatch of red under the chin.
They did not know they would get
caught in the middle of a war
between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland Islands. South Georgia. population 40,000 penguins, is 800 miles beyond the Falklands, but because it is a British island, it

Argentina tried and failed to capture the two English film-makers.
"The Argentinians sent a message saying they were coming to get us", Buxton recalls, "so we kept looking over our shoulders. We heard a lot of firing, but we were so isolated they could only have reached us by air or by sea. It turned out their two helicopters were shot down, and one

became a war objective of some

of their ships was destroyed." At the same time, though, the two women had good reason to be afraid. However, stranded as they were, they coolly continued to mingle with the penguins. The Antarctic winter was approaching and food was experied short as the and food was running short as the conflict raged over the horizon. Finally, eight months after they arrived on the barren island and one month longer than they planned to stay, Buxton and Price were taken out by Royal Navy helicopter.

Brushing aside their "war" experi-

ences, they returned to England to put together Stranded on South Georgia. The programme was shown in Britain as well as in countries as far apart as Finland, Japan and Yugoslavia. It is the wildlife programme that they intended to make, with a rumble of war in the background.

Buxton and Price specialize in photographing strange beasts in faraway places. They travel to isolated environments, set up camp for an average of six months and film what they see, working under contract to the British company, Survival Anglia Television. Survival Anglia uses about a dozen teams around the world and Buxton-Price is the only all-woman team.

"Sometimes being a woman can be a slight disadvantage", Buxton acknowledges, "but every year it gets

Working in a theatre can afford periods of inactivity and solitude. I have welcomed this. With one brother embracing the Christmas spirit with such vengeance that he transported a large tree through the house up to his bedroom, and the other brother possibly creating more uproar in opting out of Christmas altogether, life at home has afforded

During the week of pre-Christmas dress rehearsals I was posted at the stage door. Initially I was not very happy. Wandering around an empty theatre, unlocking deserted rooms -I sincerely hoped they were deserted so early in the morning - was as unnerving as switching on the hot water. Another Hansel and Gretel recruit had instructed me to climb to the top of the theatre, enter the workshop and find either the red or the green switch; new to the work herself she was not sure which. On seeing my look of horror she assured me I would know immediately whether I had chosen incorrectly. Thereafter I was to spend the day sitting by the stage door.

Since I sat there in virtual isolation I did begin to wonder whether there were two stage doors.



Annie Price, left, and Cindy Buxton. They continued to film wildlife as the Falklands was war raged around them

isolated, unwelcoming places on earth. With an average temperature of 32F (OC) with 30 mph winds, it is and elephant seals.

During their stay, Buxton and Price lived in an eight-feet square

South Georgia is one of the most hut two miles from a huge king penguin colony. "It was probably the hardest shoot I've ever done, as far as conditions were concerned' Buxton says. She spent her first eight film-making years in the heat of Africa. "But the wildlife was tame and approachable, so that part was

and varieties of cans, chocolates and

biscuits consumed during one

performance, but this is no job for

Emptying ashtrays is worse, as

scribed as the most idiotic design.

they are made in what can only be

When I tipped them upside down all the ash stayed in. Seeing me

vigorously shaking ashtrays, one

gentleman did offer to assist me. I think he feared for his jacket. He

was a musician and played a horn of some sort. He told me how very, very happy he was as a musician and

indeed, why didn't I become one

too? This was somewhat tactless, for

those great big dustbin bags at my feet, my obligatory black outfit

stylishly spattered with ash and ice-

At least I could sell the ice-

was standing there with one of

the fastidious - ice-cream

particularly sticky when melted.



Cindy Buxton among the black browd albatross of South Georgia. "Neither of us had worked in conditions like this before. But the wildlife was tame and approachable"

This was no preparation for "front of house" work, which demanded periods of rather frenzied

activity when loneliness was not a

problem. A delicate looking girl had informed me she was happiest in the

box office where she felt protected

from the public. I have a more

stalwart appearance and was there-fore the better qualified to sell ice-

would not make a teacher. Con-

fronted by hands thrusting limp

pound notes upon me, all of us

frantically searching for the desired

flavour in time for the next act. I felt

a little vulnerable standing up to the

I, too, used to be particularly partial to ice-cream but having had

to "do the pick-up", a technical term for collecting rubbish, I have lost all

interest. It was quite intriguing to discover the phenomenal quantities

youngsters' enthusiasm.

creams at children's matinees.

DIARY OF A JOB HUNTER

In which Sarah Foot, Exeter University 1980-83, BA 2:1 History,

takes a temporary job in a theatre and declines a career in music

years, who became interested in photography while working for an advertising agency in London. 'The Argentinians said they were coming to get us'

"I do get a lot of people approaching me, but most of them I'd never consider", says Buxton. "I didn't want to take someone who would get fed up after four weeks, once the novelty wore off, and be dying to get home. I went to Annie because I knew her, because she was a photographer and because I thought she might enjoy going to the places I liked. I explained the conditions and told her that in no way could she change her mind and go home. I told her the worst."

while Buxton shot the documentary footage. They shared the daily chores, including the melting of snow for drinking water. "Neither of us had worked in conditions like this

before", Buxton says. "There was a

team of scientists stationed just 15 miles from us, but we couldn't reach them by land." The women were totally alone, except for the 40,000 penguins, hundreds of elephant scals and some allegers.

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Buxton and Price have worked together for three years. Before that, Buxton shot documentaries on her own. "Being alone didn't bother me, but sometimes now I wonder how I

coped." She finally decided she needed an assistant when she began making plans in 1979 to film in the bleak Falklands. She called Price, a

school friend she had not seen for 10

The pair have been filming green turtles, sea birds and native wildlife on Ascension Island, a volcanic island in the South Atlantic with a population of about 1,000 - and, with its tropical temperatures, quite a change from South Georgia.

Of her film-making philosophy, Buxton says, "I choose my own subjects. I'll visit the location if I can. Then I'll write out the basic story line of the film or films. Hopefully, there will be more than one. Then I work out a budget and schedule and take it to Survival Anglia. If they like my proposal, they'll finance it."

Buxton has worked for Anglia for almost 12 years, initially as an independent film-maker, but for the past eight years under contract. The company has never turned down any of her proposals, and already she has the go-ahead for a project in south-west Spain starting in September 1984.
"In that part of Spain", she says,
"there are these massive, great sand

dunes, 100 feet tall, that move at a rate of 20 feet a year. They smother the pine forest and then gradually move on. The forests have 50 or 60 years to recover until the next sand dune comes along. "I think there's a really good story

Stranded on South Georgia will be the hills. It worked. For an hour or broadcast on the ITV network on

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(He was not alone in his confusion

he supposed to be performing?) Since I now know the story extremely well and can also sing a

Sorah Loot

creams. The selling technique of the ushers was held up for criticism, since not one of us sold a Hanse and Gretel record or cassette and we could not be said to have been doing a roaring trade in the gingerbread One night I only sold a single packet of Handy Andies. This gentleman intended to "weep profusely" throughout the performance. I think he must have muddled the story or come to the wrong theatre as Hansel and Gretel ends perfectly happily.

number of the times, I did feel that it was unnecessary for my brothers to provide me with a joint present of a Hansel and Gretel record. Indeed, I have done rather well this Christmas as I was also given a book compiled of amusing and instructive rejection letters. I wish I had thought of the idea first, for not lacking in material myself I could have written the book while sitting by the stage door.

for I was asked who in fact was

Engelbert Humperdinck and wasn't

FIRST PERSON

Peter Morris My lease of life

A year ago I had the largest of the three lobes of my right lung removed after a malignant tumour the size of a cricketball was discovered lodged there. To mark the first anniversary of the oper-ation, I got out my bike and cycled 12 miles to a pool, whereupon I dismounted and swam a mile. I was fairly pleased with my performance; I had hoped to crawl the mile but, in the event, had to resort to the less breathtaking breaststroke.

At the time of my operation I

feared I had pushed my last pedal and crawled my last length. The physiotherapists had no information about the physical capabilities of people with one or one and a bit lungs. I remember moaning about the prospect to a night sister during a nocturnal chat. "Well," she said, what did you do before you started all this swimming and cycling?" "I smoked, I replied. Which was true. I had stubbed out the last of my 60 fags a day two years earlier and had taken up the physical exercise to monitor my progress. The goddess of health has a funny sense of humour.

Whatever, I've proved to my own satisfaction that cancer is not necessarily the end, either of life or an active physical existence. One big qualification needs to be made: I was one of the lucky ones. My primary tumour was discovered at the relatively young age of 39. Lung cancer is the most lethal cancer to which men are prone (in the case of women, it's breast cancer). One of the main reasons why is because it is often not tracked down until the primary has seeded secondary growths elsewhere in the body.

It is coping with the psychological rather than the physical aftermath which is the most difficult. I put a brave face on it but I'm a cancerphobe all the same. Each time I suspect a recrudescence of the symptoms, I panic inside. My chief symptom, unusually so, was night fever, this is more commonly associated with TB rather than cancer. Now, if ever I wake up and feel the slightest bit damp anywhere, it's the shakes and trembles.

The other sensation which provokes mild frenzy is lethargy. Now, before the doctors found otherwise, I thought I was suffering from old age, prematurely so. Increasingly, in the months leading up to the day of diagnosis, I felt more and more washed-out and

The only antidote I knew of was strenuous physical exercise. Jerking awake, I would leap upon my bike and pedal off maniacally towards so after dismounting, I felt as fresh and new as toothpaste. Thereafter, inevitably, the torpor would creep back to make its presence felt again. know now that it was anaemia induced by the cancer rather than senility from which I was suffering.

One entirely new sympton I suffer from which did not afflict me before is guilt. It has been caused by exposure to the alternative approach to cancer school. Notwithstanding the fact that no trials whatsoever have been conducted to test the carrot-eating claims of the alterna-tive school, I have found their contentions that people who get cancer are somehow personally responsible irrestible.

One (by which I mean me) searches around for some explanation as to why the man up the road who smoked so much he had to have a cowl fitted to his head, enjoys disgustingly good health whilst somebody else (me again) goes down with cancer. Enough of this introspection. I must get up to the pool to start training for my second anniversary swim: one and a half miles? Two miles? I hear

warning in my ear to take it carefully. Knowing my luck, it won't be cancer that'll see me off, but a heart attack during some forthcoming celeb-

With eight of the twelve days of Christmas still to go I prescribe hysterical water for the cook and surfeit water for those who

"Take Redony, Roots of Sovage, Seeds of wild Parsnips, of each two Ounces, Roots of single Piony four Ounces, of Mysletoe of the Oak three Ounces, heat all these together, and add to them a quarter of a Pound of dried Mellipedes, pour on these three Quarts of Mugwort-water, and two Quarts of Brandy, let them stand in a close Vessel eight Days, then distil it in a cold Still posted up. You may draw off nine Pints of Water and sweeten it to your Taste. Mix all together, and

fancy they would be more likely scheme to market a patent to induce hysterics than to cure medicine called Daffy's Elixir,

water, based on herbs, spices and four gallons of French brandy, must have been more efficacious than the recipe which precedes it, a heartbreaking list of the 20 roots, 17 flowers and 19 seeds which went into the making of Plague-Water.

Distilling was only one of many arts necessary to the mistress of an eighteenth century household, and it occupies just two pages of Hannah Glasse's famous book The Art of Cookery Made Plain And Easy. In the century before Isabella Beeton, Hannah Glasse was immensely popular and her book was reprinted many times.

Hannah Glasse, née Allgood, eloped in her teens and came to London from the north of England. She must have been a formidably energetic as well as spirited woman. Not only did she write her pioneering cookery book, but also she bore several children, and had a

Famine and feast

habitmaker to the Princess of

When The Art of Cookery first appeared, its authorship was attributed only to "A Lady", and Doctor Johnson claimed, wrongly, that it had been written by a man. But despite the success of her work, Hannah Glasse did not profit greatly by it. She lost copyright of the book when she was declared bankrupt in 1754.

The large format first edition of 1747 was the most beautiful, and good copies, rare today, fetch over £3,000. Next best, and exceptional value, I think at £22.50, is the new facsimile reprint published by Prospect Books. Students of old texts quickly

become familiar with oddities of terminology, method and spelling which baffle readers new to their ways. The Prospect



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THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Books' reprint has a helpful glossary which is both scholarly, and as readable as Hannah Glasse's own words. "If I have not wrote in the

high, polite Stile, I hope I shall be forgiven; for my Intention is to instruct the lower Sort, and therefore I must treat them in their own Way", she said, "For example; when I bid them lard a Fowl, if I should bid them lard with large Lardoons, they would not know what I meant: But when I say they should lard with little Pieces of Bacon, they know what I mean. So in many other Things in Cookery, the great Cooks have such a high Way of expressing themselves that the poor Girls are a Loss to know what they mean . . . '

French chefs get the other send it to Table. If you have any side of her tongue. "A Frenchman, in his own Country, the Soop for Change."

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will put an English Lord to for dressing one Dish.... So much is the blind folly of this Age, that they would rather be impos'd on by a French Booby, than give encouragement to a good English Cook!" So, what changes?

Soup meager, mentioned carrier, comes in the chapter on dishes for dinners served on the church's fast days, "Take half a Pound of Butter, put it into a deep Stew-pan, shake it about, and let it stand till it has done making a Noise; then have them in, and shake them about. Take a Bunch of Salary clean washed, and picked, cut it in Pieces half as long as your Finger, a large Handful of Spinage clean washed, and picked, a good Lettice clean washed, if you have it, and cut small, a little Bundle of Parsley chopped fine; shake all this well together in the Pan for a quarter of an Hour, then shake in a little Flour, stir all together, and pour into the Stew-pan two Quarts of boiling Water, take a handful of dry hard Crust, throw in a Tea Spoonful of beaten Pepper, three Blades of Mace beat fine, stir all together, and let it boil softly half an Hour, then take it off the Fire, and beat up the Yolks of two Eggs, and stir in, and one Spoonful of Vinegar.

Pour it into the Soon-dish, and

number of the recipes, many of which can be made today just as she wrote them and with no further explanation.

However, not many house holds today would need A Grateful Pudding of the size made with these instructions:
"Take a Pound of fine Flour, and a Pound of white Bread grated, take eight Eggs, but half the Whites, beat them with a Pint of new Milk, then stir in the Bread and Flour, and a Pound of Raisins stoned, and a ready six middling Onions Pound of Currans, half a Pound opened, and cut small, throw of Sugar, a little beaten Ginger, of Sugar, a little beaten Ginger, mix well together, and either bake or boil it. It will take three Quarters of an Hour's baking Put Cream in instead of Milk, i you have it, it will be an Addition to the Pudding." The result, as you may

imagine, has the texture of very plain cake, and the suggested addition of cream, containing more fat than milk, improves it considerably. Half an hour in a moderately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) is enough for a pudding made with quarter quantities of the ingredients. Bake the mixture in a round, deep-sided tin about 20cm (8inches) diameter. *The book comes in three bindings. The standard edition in a grey cloth binding costs £22.50; quarter leather £32.50; and half leather with marbled boards £47.50. Stockists include the David Mellor kitchen equip

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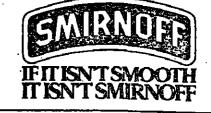
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have tarried too long at the groaning board. And if neither of these is sufficiently restora-tive, the only remedy may be a couple of days on a diet of soop meager and grateful pudding. To make hysterical water wrote Hannah Glasse in 1747:

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good a prophet George Orwell might have proved had things turned out differently on June 9, there's a good deal to be thankful for as we say farewell to 1983.

Let's ease this bed of nails

THE TIMES DIARY

Dobson's choice

Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, has written a starchy letter to the Prime Minister Suggesting that the venue of the next world economic summit, to be held next June, should be switched from Lancaster House "to somewhere in Hackney or Tower Hamlets so that those presiding over the current hand the disastrous consequences of what is happening to the worst-off people in our capital city." He also suggests that "all concerned, instead of staying at public expense in lush West End luxury hotels, lodge instead in the bed and breakfast hotels used by London local authorities to house families made homeless by the policies of your own made the suggestion because "world leaders live in a cocoon, going from five star hotel to VIP lounge to private plane". One wonders, though, whether living in Tower Hamlets for a bit would give them a true picture about the lives of the less fortunate since its residents include Dr and Mrs David Owen and Janet Street Porter.

In confidence

The computer sub-committee of the Commons Services Committee is finding its job hard going. Earlier this month a trip to the United States and Canada to research information technology was cancelled after accusations of junketing. And the committee is encountering fierce resistance to anything that might bear the dreaded label "up-todate". To computerize the House of Commons would mean MPs sharing basic information so that, for instance, some constituents' problems and the answers to them could be stored in a memory bank. Sadly, the committee reports in its minutes of evidence that 66 per cent of MPs questioned opposed a new system on offer, on the grounds that "members always suspect each other; members are jealous of one another and the House of Commons is not a commercial organization".

 A visitor lost in the rambling corridors of County Hall thought the GLC had totally taken leave of its senses when he came across a sign directing him to "Alternative Gentlemen's".

Moved to tears

A colleague who planned to move into a new house in Buckinghamshire over Christmas was shocked to discover an old deed of covenant relating to the property. Originally imposed by a brewery anxious to protect a pub - long since disappeared - next door, it prohibits the manufacture, sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises". His relief when his solicitor discovered probibition could not be legally enforced and that Christmas could be celebrated in the traditional Fleet Street manner was profound.

BARRY FANTONI



'As a sign of respect, our Lil is

Easy buck

It is the season of the year when certain privileged people, including the Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor of London, and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, receive a good-sized piece of venison under the Queen's Warrant. The custom goes back to 1100 AD, although these days the recipients are charged £6.50 for the privilege. This still makes the venison the cheapest in town: the average weight of the "gift" is 14lb, while the retail price of venison at Sainsbury's is £3 a lb.

That figures

The Civil Service's Management and Personnel Office broke new ground in its annual report on public bodies for 1983, when it produced figures on the number of men and nationalized industries during this year. The figures are: Male appointments: 165. Female appointments: 4.

Saumur, aye

In his new book, The Illustrated Winespeak: Ronald Searle's Wicked World of Winetasting, the cartoonist attacks the uninspired vintner-babble of brokers attempting "to enlighten the baffled consumer regarding the more esoteric aspects of, say. Rotterdam rouge inspired drawings illustrating their verbal contortions. The book, which has gone into its fourth printing since October, is about to be published by the Japanese, who once made the author a prisoner-of-war. The question is: how do descriptions like "overripe coupled with some tartness" or "lots of body, but supple" translate into Japanese?

Christmas would not be Christmas without hard-luck stories with happy endings. This is a brief story about a happy ending with a

A Bristol woman was severely burned in a fire and needed a skin graft to her back. She and her husband exist on supplementary benefit, and he applied for a special payment to help buy a foam rubber mattress to ease

her pain at night. In support of the claim, he wrote: "The skin is very tender and easily hurt. She finds the springs on her present mattress put severe pressure on her back. My wife has been sleeping very badly because of the pain ... and urgently needs a springless mattress to avoid further deterioration of

her back." With assistance from the Child Poverty Action Group, the claim became an important test case. It went to a tribunal of three social security commissioners (the equivalent, in social security cases, of the Court of Appeal).

Arguing strongly against the claim, the solicitor for the DHSS's benefit officer said the mattress could not be paid for because the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 excluded all medical or similar requirements. The tribunal upheld the claim. however, on the grounds that the exclusion applied only to the weekly requirements of a claimant, and not to single payments for unmet special needs.

This happy outcome overturned not just

by Alfred Morris

the present Government's interpretation of the law, but that of successive governments. The family's pleasure must have been increased by the knowledge that the tribunal's ruling would help in many other

cases of avoidable hardship.

One such case was that of an 80-year-old Clevelend woman with terminal cancer. She claimed a single payment to buy a highbacked chair, as she could no longer sit in her own chairs without pain, but was turned down. Help should now readily be available in cases like hers, but this was not to be.

The tribunal's ruling that single payments for medical needs were allowable was reversed by amending Government regulations. While the pen that nullified the tribunal's decision was that of a DHSS minister, the hand was the Chancellor's. And, as with the swingeing cut in housing benefits and this year's £60m "saving" in invalidity pensions for the long-term sick and disabled, the beneficiaries will be

Britain's richest taxpayers. How many people were wrongly refused single payments under the 1976 Act before the law was changed? And is the Government now prepared, in the cause of elementary justice, to review all claims for medical or similar needs that were turned

down before it changed the law? Ministers cannot pretend the money is not available. Norman Tebbit spent £39,000

publicizing the compensation available to people who broke their contracts of employment by refusing to join a trade union, while Michael Heseltine earmarked film to campaign for "more positive" attitudes to nuclear arms. These are good enough precedents for the DHSS to follow

Supplementary benefit, as the benefit of last resort, surely ought to meet urgent needs where there is no alternative source of assistance. In these two cases, the NHS could not help; nor did the local authority. Yet a woman was in preventable pain and had a need which a caring society should

So from where should such needs be met? The question is all the more urgent as provision for the NHS grows smaller, and as cuts in local government spending leave more and more disabled people without the help to which they are entitled under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act.

Never was a resource of last resort for unmet and urgent need more necessary than it is today. For it makes no sense to deny people help without which they can very soon find themselves in hospitals or other institutions, at far greater cost to the taxpayer and ratepayer alike. It reveals a gap in social provision as self-defeating as it is inhumane.

The author. Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, was Minister for the Disabled 1974-79.

Why a star wars strategy could help keep the peace

European attitudes to President Reagan's "star wars" proposals - the move to develop a space-based antiballistic missile system, agreed in principle a few weeks ago - have generally contained elements of both ent and derision.

The arguments advanced by United States analysts in favour of the programme, aimed initially at long-term research, have not even been thought worthy of serious examination in Britain, despite their revolutionary nature and their possibly momentous consequences.

The European media have vari-

ously described the Reagan pro-posals as "absurd", "irresponsibly expensive", "dangerous" and expensive", "dangerous" and "alarming". There has been almost universal agreement that the development represents another dangerous and escalatory round of the arms race. Strategic studies departments and institutes have either doubted that the proposals are feasible or have suggested that they represent a return to United States isolationism. Few people, if any, have publicly suggested that there might be some important political or strategic advantage to Europe or, for that matter, that there might be colossal dangers to Europe if the Soviet Union were to obtain an unmatched advance in "star wars"

It is taken for granted that any benefits the proposals might yield would be purely and narrowly American ones. But if the develop-ment is taken in the context of the continuing crisis in transatlantic relations and the recent Soviet arms build-up, then it may be seen altogether more favourably.

Weaponry.

Indeed, it may provide the answer to problems, inherent in the Nato strategy of flexible response, which have long been perceived by a number of those with a professional interest in strategic issues - weak-nesses which politicians have generally not been keen to expose to public scrutiny. These weaknesses flow from the nature of the ultimate step in the flexible response strategy: the use of US intercontinental missiles in retaliation against a Soviet attack on Europe.

According to a common view, even if the United States was willing to unleash its intercontinental ballistic missiles for this purpose. there would be little point in doing so, for Europe would have already been devastated. In any event, the critics say, no United States president in full possession of his mental faculties would risk Ameri-

Hollywood's vision of war in strace - a scene ctica. If fiction transformed into fact, would it not be preferable to unclear devastation

can cities to defend frequently "disloyal" European ones. Yet if the Soviets came to believe that the United States might feel this way, they might no longer be effectively

Evidently, the United States' nuclear umbrella is not what it was in the secure and happy days of American strategic superiority. The only merit in the present policy, it is said, is that the Soviets could not be sure that the United States would not so respond - and this doubt is sufficient to provide Europe with adequate deterrence against a Soviet attack. But with the progressive deterioration in transatlantic relations - of which the Grenada episode is but the latest chapter and with further increases in Soviet military might, Nato's credibility has now been significantly eroded How much more erosion can it withstand before the whole strategy becomes plainly incredible is a

difficult question to answer. Moreover, even with significant numbers of cruise and Pershing missiles in place, such doubts and anxieties are likely to remain. The question that may come to be asked is not "would the United States press the button against the wishes of European leaders?" but "would the United States ever contemplate pressing the button if it believed that by not doing so war could be limited

to Europe?" An effective western anti-ballistic missile system in space, however, could transform this situation by performing the inestimably valuable task of reducing the scale of the risks to the United States in providing nuclear protection to its European allies. If the risks are judged to be fewer, it follows that United States readiness to accept them is likely to be much enhanced, and the Soviet Union will have to take account of this in its strategic calculations. This is an important argument, but so far no European public figure appears even to have taken it into account.

Supposing, however, the Soviet

Union continues to exploit space for military purposes, ignoring the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 while the United States feels restrained by that treaty or by its critics at home and abroad. A moment's reflection suggests that if that happens the western alliance will be doomed; close examination of the consequences only confirms

one's initial fears. If. the Soviet Union were to develop the ability to destroy 90 per. cent or so of the enemy's ballistic missiles before they re-entered the atmosphere while the United States failed to obtain a similar capacity. the Warsaw Pact might face a new and unique experience: a queue of admiring, friendly and sycophantic West European states waiting to

Since the United States Admini tration is committed so far only to examining the feasibility of "star wars" weaponry, we cannot be sure what degree of direct protection would be provided against missiles targeted on Europe. It is possible, however, that the "killer satellites" thought to be envisaged under the proposals could destroy ballistic missiles such as the SS20 as well as the strategic weapons aimed at the United States.

It is objected that the whole "star wars" phenomenon is in some ways more slarming than existing weaponry. Its development would certainly result in a substantial change of nuclear doctrine and strategy. Instead of the West signalling its intention to cause massive and unacceptable damage if attacked with nuclear weapons, it would instead be signalling its capacity substantially to withstand such an attack. Assuming that the Soviets continue to develop a similar capacity, we would have moved from mutually assured destruction, a policy which has caused profound if irrational anxiety, to mutually assured

This, arguably, could well bring about a less turbulent and danger-

fraught international climate in which it would be easier to reach agreement about reductions in offensive weapons because by switching the emphasis to defensive systems, the stakes would not be so appallingly high. Is this so "alarming"? Historically speaking, most effective strategies have generally included a defensive as well as an offensive element; the present massive reliance on weapons of attack is an aberration, and may well account for many of the fears and apprehensions that have fuelled the growth of the peace movement, however illogically.

To be sure, there is a strange

breed of extra-terrestrial ecologists who argue that it is immoral to "take warfare" into space. But it is not warfare which would be sent there, but new instruments of deterrence. If that deterrence failed, the result would be a conflict between sophisticated and unmanned machines hurtling through the arid wastes of space. but it would be a war without initial loss of

human life.
It cannot be safely asserted that war would remain conveniently in space. What may be said is that the immediate targets would be spaceborne vehicles, missiles, or satellites rather than cities or manned military installations on earth, and that such a conflict could conceivably end with a political settlement before human life had been lost.

This is a small part of the case that may be advanced in favour of some kind of "star wars" defence in the United States. Although it is new and strange to most people, it is not demonstrably absurd. Nor, I think, should it alarm Europeans more than, say, the deployment of the SS20s. It deserves serious and searching examination rather than scorn and derision.

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The other-China card in our Hongkong hand

China over the future of Hongkong, Britain's highest card is not the legality of the nineteenth-century treaties. Nor are Peking's envoys impressed by references to unease in the colony at the prospect of communist rule.

What really strengthens the hand of Mrs Thatcher's representatives is China's determination not to terrify the real audience of this high-stakes game: 18.5 million "compatriots" on Taiwan.
What stops China from abruptly

regaining sovereignty is its desire to demonstrate to Taiwan that in the event of an orderly communist takeover, Hongkong's life – and by implication Taiwan's – would remain undisturbed. Hongkong could remain undisturbed. could retain its own laws, currency, and even gambling, while under the newly-proposed special "mini-constitution" Hongkong's entrepreneurs would not be lumbered with China's style of socialism.

All this would be possible under the terms of Article 31 of the Chinese constitution, which desig-nates "special economic areas". But whereas Article 31 lays down principles applicable to both Hongkong and Taiwan, only Taiwan is mentioned in the constitution's preamble, as "part of the sacred territory of the People's Republic of China." It is, the document confirms, "the lofty duty of the entire Chinese people, including our compatriots on Taiwan, to PHS accomplish the great task of unifying the motherland.

"The runaway province" is therefore, Peking's ultimate glittering prize. Or, as Taiwan's Premier, Sun Yun-suan, said recently, "We are the nail in their eye". It is mentioned as the primary goal of Chinese endeavour in nearly every major speech by Deng Xiaoping.

Deng and his comrades want Taiwan back because its recovery would mean the end of the civil war with the Nationalists who fled to the island in 1949. There, with American help, they established a bustling economy, the envy of many underdeveloped countries, including China. Its per-capita income of almost \$2,500 places it fourth in the region, after Japan, Singapore, and Hongkong.

Taking Taiwan back by force is out of the question. If Deng ordered his meagre navy and rickety air force across the Taiwan Strait, a distance of more than 100 miles, they would be mauled by the Nationalists' superbly equipped and trained defence forces.

In September 1981, Marshal Ye Jianying, chairman of the National People's Congress standing committee, proposed to Taiwan a "high degree of autonomy", including its own armed forces, and no inter-ference from Peking in local matters. Taiwan's socio-economic system would continue unchanged. Ye promised. Its present leaders, including President Chiang Ching-kuo. Chiang Kai-shek's son. would be offered high positions in the national government.

No one was surprised when think of Taiwan merely as an off-President Chiang declared a month later that the Nationalists would never negotiate with their old enemies. They had twice before gone to the table only to be betrayed, they

Finally, in July of this year, Deng Xiaoping made the most sweeping offer yet. Speaking through a Taiwan-raised Chinese professor who has lived in the US for 25 years, Deng guaranteed Taiwan its own (which could buy its arms army (which could buy its arms abroad), its own flag, and, most impressively, its own name: "Tai-wan, China", the usage already adopted by the International Olympic Committee.

Deng's offer, too, has been turned down in Taipei. Premier Sun said that such advances are made only to persuade Washington that it is no longer necessary to defend Taiwan, now that China has abandoned the use of force in its reunification drive.

For the ethnic Taiwanese, descendants of coastal Chinese who have been settled on the island for centuries, reunification on any terms is abhorrent. They contend they have already suffered enough at the hands of the mainland Nationalists who reappeared in 1945 to reclaim Taiwan from the Japanese, who had occupied it since 1895, and who have used it as a refuge since the 1949 communist victory. "They think of us only as a hotel, a bastion. and a stepping stone", maintains one Taiwanese dissident. But do the Nationalists really

shore province where they are gathering strength for a great irredentist reinvasion of the tost mainland? Twenty-five years ago that was the animating idea on the island. Nowadays, the future looks different. "The changes on the mainland will be mainly political", says Premier Sun. "and will take many, many years. Already they are asking each other how they can learn

Deng Xiaoping and other com-munist leaders have indeed conceded in public that Taiwan's prosperity greatly exceeds their own. But they are aware as well of Taiwan's free-wheeling lifestyle, its western-style pop music and its prostitution - all signs of what Peking terms "spiritual pollution".

China cannot smash its way in, and if it did, few would welcome the "liberating" army. So the Chinese keep up a successful campaien to isolate their rival diplomatically, and a less successful one to hamper Taiwan's international participation in commerce, scholarship, and

At the same time, and as yet with little effect. China's leaders try to persuade Taiwan that their proposed semi-autonomy will not develop into the bondage of that other semi autonomous region - Tibet. The mainland's signal to Taiwan is Watch how we do in Hongkong".

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J. R. Spencer

Life sentences: a barbaric lottery

Eight years ago Mrs Doris Croft, a middle-aged widow from Balsham, Cambridgeshire, discovered that her elderly lover was about to desert her for a younger woman. She battered him to death with a rolling-pin in a jealous rage, and for this she was put on probation for three years.

Two months ago - as was widely reported - Mrs Pamela Megginson, a middle-aged widow from the nearby village of Whittlesford, was sen-tenced to life imprisonment at the Old Bailey for an identical offence. Mrs Megginson used a champagne bottle, a more stylish weapon than Mrs Croft employed, and killed an aged lecherous millionaire, a more exciting victim than Mrs Croft's. who was the aging lecherous landlord of a public house. She also killed him in an apartment in Cap Ferral a more romantic setting than the Worthing boarding house where Mrs Croft's victim met his death.

But such trivia aside, the facts are identical. In abstract some sort of case can be made for saying that either sentence is the right one on such facts as these, but as it is supposedly the first principle of law that like cases should be treated alike, we may ask how the law can

be so capricious.
In theory, the law of England does not recognize the existence of a crime passionel. On this side of the Channel a deliberate killing, however passionate, is murder, and murder is automatically visited by a sentence of life imprisonment, the judge having no discretion to order anything else. The defences of provocation and diminished responsibility sometimes operate to reduce a deliberate killing to manslaughter, an offence for which the judge does have a discretion in sentencine.

But, on the face of it, neither of these defences is of much use to people like Mrs Megginson and Mrs Croft, For provocation, the defendant must have lost his self-control; it cold. Futhermore, the defendant's loss of self-control must be the result of behaviour "enough to make a reasonable man do as he did." The jury decides whether these criteria are present and as we all know. juries sometimes bend the rules.

Subject to this, however, there is unlikely to be a strong defence of provocation for a woman who deliberately murders a lover who has ill-used her. Diminished responsibility is also limited in scope. On the face of it, therefore, women who deliberately kill their lovers can expect life imprisonment, however shamefully they have been treated.

In practice, however, it is quite another story. In the first place, the prosecution, if it wishes, can bring a charge of manslaughter where it is technically murder, and no one can question its decision. Futhermore, if it does start off prosecuting for murder, the prosecution is quite entitled to strike a deal whereby the defence accepts a plea of guilty to manslaughter in return for dropping the murder charge. The judge has a veto over this, and can insist on the murder charge being tried - as happened in the Yorkshire Ripper

is sympathetic to the accused, or does not want the bother of a contested trial, a person technically guilty of murder is almost guaranteed a conviction for manslaughter only.

This happens in a good many crimes of passion, and was what happened in the case of Mrs Croft, If the conviction is for manslaughter rather than for murder, then the iudee has a complete discretion as to sentences fines of one shilling and conditional discharges, have been given for manislaughter in the past. in the case of Mrs Megginson and her champagne bottle, there was no deal between prosecution and defence and she was therefore tried for murder. She sought to rely on the defence of provocation, and the jury after deliberating for five hours found it was not made out. On her conviction for murder, the life

sentence followed automatically.
It is simply barbaric that the same tomatic life imprisonment should be imposed on the relative who puts a terminal cancer patient out of his agony, the wife who kills a husband who has systematically ill-treated her, the bank robber who shoots a cashier dead in cold blood, and the pervert who tortures a child to death for sadistic gratification. Like other barbaric legal rules - the one which formerly decreed hanging as the automatic penalty for theft of property worth more than 12d, for example - the fixed life sentence for murder produces results which society is prepared to accept only because a number of people quietly conspire to defeat it.

They are the Director of Public Prosecutions, or the counsel he instructs, who does a deal to reduce the charge to manslaughter, the judge who lets this happen; and the Home Secretary, who releases the majority of convicted murderers after some years in prison.

For most serious crimes society must be a killing in bot blood, not in lays down a maximum sentence within which the judge imposes what he considers fair, the Court of Appeal correcting him if he is heavyhanded. But for the most serious crime of all the penalty is decided in a series of holes and corners, by people whose decision cannot be appealed against, and who cannot be called to account.

This would be bad enough in itself, but it causes the law to be devalued in other ways as well. First. because the law ordains compulsory life imprisonment for murder, but in practice often fails to impose it or fails to carry it out, the law cries "wolf!" The public widely believes that no murderer ever goes to prison for life - whereas a number of the worst murderers do - and the deterrent effect of the law is

And because the system throws up the occasional freak case in which a not-too-bad murderer actually collects a life sentence the law is thought to be capriciously oversevere as well. By posing as tougher than it is, the law only makes an ass

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Not so bad a year after all

Distance lends enchantment, we are told. Now that I frequent the courteous calm of the Upper Chamber, I sometimes read the accounts of "The Government in Disarray" with puzzlement. All in all I should have thought the Prime Minister had some reason to enjoy the first Christmas of her second administration with quiet satisfac-tion. And when the Treasury ministers gather for a working weekend next month at Chevening (as I trust they will to carry on an excellent new tradition), the prospect confronting them should be the most cheerful since 1979.

Consider the record. When the Treasury scrutinized the entrails at the end of 1982 we were told that our international accounts would be just about in balance in the year ahead. Inflation was expected to rise a bit to an annual rate of 5 per cent. And output was forecast to grow by a modest 11/2 per cent. Most of the rival soothsayers were inclined to rubbish these predictions as wishful thinking (although the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, described by its admirers as the "most prestigious" of the outside forecasters, did stick its neck out with a promise of a £5 billion

payment surplus).
On output and on prices only the Liverpool Economics Faculty was more optimistic than the Treasury and that is usually dismissed as a bunch of monetarist nuts. Most of the others were far more pessimistic. Yet it now looks as though output actually grew almost twice as fast as the Treasury predicted, and inflation somewhat less; while a comfortable payments surplus of at least £1 ¼ billion seems assured.

Now Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is predicting 3 per cent growth next year and a further fall in the rate of inflation. Unemployment at long last shows signs of falling off. while our overseas sales seem to be gathering momentum (and it is fascinating to see how an industry like the shoemakers, who only 12 months ago were said to be facing extinction unless we shut out imports, are now taking on labour to meet demand - much of it for

Admittedly the CBI fears that recovery will falter later in 1984, and most of the academic and stockbrokers' forecasters, more forthright, accuse the Treasury of cockeyed optimism. But perhaps they should reflect on how their tips turned out

So what is all this fumbling of which our masters stand accused? That they contrived to upset everybody over Grenada, infuriating the Atlanticists by dissociating themselves from the American invasion, while promoting the anti-Americans by declining to denounce it? But in 12 months' time will anybody remember what Grenada was about?

As for the allegation that Mrs Thatcher mishandled the Parkinson affair, I suspect that many people found her loyalty to a colletrouble more palatable than the old English humbugs sucked by Fleet

It is said that her attempt to restrict MPs' salary increases immediately after the election to something like those for public service workers was doomed to failure, and therefore foolish to embark upon. Doomed to failure maybe, but out of touch with public opinion. I doubt.

On the labour front, we now have some Acts of Parliament which have worked the way they were meant to. and not blown up in the face of those who drafted them. That, in such a pricklish area, is no mean achievement.

Certainly some high hurdles lie ahead in 1984. We shall do well 19 get away without a monumental bust-up (or another botched-up. short-term, and expensive compro-mise, which would be almost as bad) in the EEC. Without a freeze on the present American lines, the oil price could still collapse and make a monkey of the Chancellor's arithmetic. Even without that, it looks as though he will have to have another go at public spending - or else confound the sceptics by raising taxes after all - if he is in earnest about eliminating inflation. Incidentally, if one could offer him a New Year resolution it would be to reflect that, in government, it is sometimes wiser to pursue the ball and not the man, even if the man in question is a vexing cabinet colleague.

And I suppose we shall have rictions about the attempt to prevent the town hall bureaucrats stifling local enterprise to maintain their payrolls.

But when one reflects on how

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THE SOVIET OVERVIEW

After Mr Andropov's failure to appear at Monday's meeting of the Soviet Central Committee it is becoming increasingly difficult mated that Soviet defence costs, to imagine that he will ever regain the political power he had a year ago. Even if he makes a physical recovery, which is looking increasingly doubtful, it will be regarded as temporary and fragile. The entire Soviet apparatus must therefore be trying to position itself for the sector would be taking an ever succession. Yet Mr Andropov larger proportion of resources, remains president and party leader and has managed to get some of his supporters promoted, so he remains a force to military needs. be reckoned with. Since those who have been promoted by him will not wish to lose their jobs they will do their best to see that he remains in office as long as possible, even if it means ruling from his sickbed.

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His speech, read for him at the meeting must therefore be seen for the moment not only as a defence of his own achievements and plans but also as a valid statement of policy by the collective leadership now in power. Whether or not it was written personally by Mr Andropov it carries his authority and also presumably speaks for those around him who would wish to

succeed him. It is especially interesting for the urgency it attaches to improvements in the economy. It even goes as far as to say that, because the international situation has been aggravated by "aggressive imperialist circles", military spending" and that implementation of the economic anyway, "despite somewhat plan for 1984 has become not slower growth in recent years the iust an obligation but also "a patriotic duty of every Soviet person". The appeal to patriotism, rather than only to ideology. is reminsicent of Stalin's similar appeals during the Second World War, and indicates the level of the economic challenge which also 45 per cent larger. A the leadership perceives to be facing the country.

Mr Andropov says that "all our efforts in the economy are than those of the United States". aimed in the final analysis at The report is also cautious about ensuring a rise in the living the reasons for the slow-down in standards of the people". Nevertheless, it seems likely, especially related to a combination of in view of his patriotic appeals. complex factors including techthat he is also concerned about the effects of slow economic growth on his country's defences. The link is made explicit in the

ton that revised earlier estimates of Soviet defence spending. Previously the CIA had estimeasured in constant 1970 roubles, had been growing at a constant 4-5 per cent a year throughout the 1970s and were likely to continue at that rate into the future. Since economic growth would remain at around two per cent a year the military causing growing strain and intensifying the need for a choice to be made between civilian and

Now the CIA says that the rate of growth of military spending slowed down after 1976 and has remained at about two per cent a vear since, or roughly at the same level as economic growth. The main reason is that procurement of military hardware - the largest category of defence spending - was almost flat in this period. Practically all major categories of Soviet weapons were affected, including missiles, aircraft and ships. At the same time costs for operations, maintenance and personnel continued

Selective quotations from the report will doubtless be seized upon in the West by critics of current levels of defence spending. This will, however, distort the message. The CIA is very careful to say that its estimates are "not a sufficient basis to form judgments about Soviet costs of Soviet defense activities still exceed those of the United States by a large margin. In 1981 the dollar costs of Soviet defense activities were 45 per cent greater than the US outlays, procurement costs alone were comparison of rouble prices alone shows that Soviet defense costs were 25 per cent higher growth, suggesting that "it seems nological problems, industrial bottlenecks and policy de-

The new estimates therefore recent CIA report from Washing- have only marginal relevance to

the debates on Western defence spending. Nevertheless, they are interesting because they suggest that the transfer of resources from the civilian to the military sector stopped around 1976 and has not resumed. In other words, Soviet defence spending is for the moment geared to economic growth instead of outstripping it.

One of the implications for the Soviet Union may be that the Soviet military now have a direct interest in economic growth. In their eyes, of course, this is not the same as fundamental economic reform, which could weaken central allocations in favour of the market, thereby threatening their share of the cake, but they may now feel more obligation to lend their political weight to the search for efficiency and growth through modest changes and tighter discipline, instead of feeling, as they may heve done in the past, that their own requirements would be met regardless of the condition of the rest of the economy.

Meanwhile the lesson for the West may be the opposite of that drawn by some critics of defence spending, namely that we shall have to cope with roughly the present level of Soviet spending for some time because it is causing marginally less strain than was previously assumed. Certainly there are no grounds for hoping that economic stress in the Soviet Union will solve our problems for us. As the CIA concludes: "Despite its problems the USSR is not on the verge of economic collapse. The Soviet economy is the second largest in the world, with a large and literate population, a huge industrial plant, and an enormous endowment of natural resources. Moreover, a highly centralized, rigid system of administering the economy enables the leadership to mobilize resources to focus on key objectives. The USSR has found ways to muddle through periods of economic difficulty in the past, and it will do so again in the 1980s. We emphasize that economic growth is likely to continue - not at the rapid pace of this year but at a trend rate of about two per cent a year. We would also note that the strains on the Soviet economy may be somewhat less than we thought a vear ago".

FRIEND MEETS FOE

cisions".

The pontificate of this Pope yesterday with the whole conresembles the frescoed history painting of a great hall; a progression of tableaux each sharp in the historical detail of its subject matter, and each charged with a universal significance. "The Polish Pope kisses his native Soil", "Rome comes to Canterbury", He blesses the wild Boar in the Vineyard of the Lord", "The Supreme Pontiff in and enemy are one and the dead

within a few days of the attempt on his life in St Peter's square. Now the two men have looked each other in the eye; two souls within the compass of God's love, as one at least of them haunt the imagination of his confesses. The theory which threaded the crime through a Bulgarian connexion to the Soviet KGB and its former head Mr Yuri Andropov has not won greater credence with the passage of time. But if any force remains combatance to pacificism even in it, the Pope was in converse while the fighting continued.

spiracy as much as with its agent. ter with Mehmet Ali Agea is at . that reticence.

"I am the enemy you killed, my friend." In Wilfred Owen's imaginary escape from battle "down some profound dull tunnel" to the hall of Hell, friend Colloquy with his Assassin":

The Pope pronounced Christian forgiveness of his assailant within a few days of the attention. The college of the attention of th

The poet reconstructs the moral frame in which the titanic war between the powers was set. and subverts it. The pity of war and the cess of war come to surviving contemporaries and part of a younger generation, and conditioned their responses. In the case of his mentor Siegfried Sassoon a similar poetic sensibility turned him from staunch

What passed between them is one with his generalized Christnot known. The symbolism of mastide messages to the rulers the encounter is the greater for and peoples of the world. His mind is plainly troubled by the way he sees the world to be going, the denial of justice, recourse to violence, enmity between nations and ideologies, the piling up of armaments. He too seeks to reconstruct the moral frame in which the conduct of international relations is set.

The Pope's personal encoun-

The human force at his disposal is his power to command attention and speak to the common hopes and anxieties of mankind. His gift for dramatic symbolism stands him in good stead. Rulers will watch him warily, for the paradoxes of the Christian life in its application to the affairs of nations are challenging yet, even after all the disappointments of the secular history of Christendom.

CHOOSING THE SELECT

poorish year for the accountability of government to Parliament. The reason, ironically, is elections, two of them to be precise. The announcement of the general election unavoidably extinguished all the select committees in mid-investigation, some of which were promising, such as the Foreign Affairs Committee's examination of Falklands policy, the Defence Committee's inquiry into positive vetting, the Education Committee's review of public records. The second election, that of the Labour Leader, should have had nothing to do with the select committee system. But the Opposition refused to nominate members for the all-party groups until the Foot succession had been resolved, an example of party convenience prevailing over national interest.

After a further delay of a few weeks, while the minor parties struggled to increase their complement, the select committees are now in the process of starting up once more after a gap of seven months which has brought pleasure only to those in Whitehall hankering after a quiet life. There are some cheering auguries for the committees in the second Parliament of their existence. There has been no parliamentary posts being shortage of MPs competing for treated by the Government as places. The membership of most job-creation schemes for ex- evening of heavy pressure.

Nineteen eighty three has been a reflects a healthy balance between seasoned committee men and new arrivals with fresh perspectives. The committees have been given a definite fillip by Sir Douglas Wass, the 1983 Reith Lecturer, who confessed that as Permanent Secretary to the Treasury in 1979 he was an apprehensive sceptic but now regards them as one of the "most important and exciting" of

recent political developments. Yet their resurrection has been accompanied by a sense of unease largely associated with the Government's successful attempt to foist Mr Humphrey Atkins, the former Northern Ireland Secretary and deputy foreign secretary, on the Defence Committee as its chairman. A degree of compassion is in order for Mr Atkins who cannot relish being seen as Mrs Thatcher's "poodle". Last summer she let it be known she would be pleased if he was chosen as Mr Speaker. Mr Bernard Weatherill got that job. This month her Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, spent an evening exerting heavy pressure on the Tory caucus in the Defence Committee until he persuaded them that Mr Atkins should emerge as chairman after the next meeting of the comsomething unsavoury about top

Cabinet ministers approaching. their political Indian summer.

Mr Wakeham is a brilliant wielder of the patronage weapon. It is only to be expected that prime ministers and chief whips will apply the blacker of the political arts to any area where they sense potential trouble that might be defused. Though, in a reasonable world, a majority of 144 seats might induce a little more sang froid. The blame partly lies elsewhere in the Atkins affair - with the Con-servative members of the Defence Committee. If they could have agreed on either Mr Michael Mates or Mr Michael Marshall as an alternative to Mr Atkins, the Chief Whip's blandishments would have been in vain. Mr Wakeham saw a split and exploited it.

Matters, however, could end happily. The other select committee chairmen, who together comprise the backbenchers' shop stewards group, officially known as the Liaison Committee, can easily prevent their chairmanship falling into the hands of Mr Atkins. For his part, Mr Atkins has a sure way of ridding himself of his poodleshaped stigmata. As chairman of mittee in January. There is the Defence Committee he can conduct himself with spirit and tenacious independence. Mr Wakeham may yet regret his

Scott Lithgow

From Professor James Pickett Sir, Questions about the Scott Lithgow crisis may be asked of British Shipbuilders, of local man-agement, certainly of the workforce, and of Britoll. The most pressing question, however, is whether the Government's passive attitude is well founded.

Here it is not sufficient to note, with Mrs Thatcher, that the shipyard's record is abysmal. An ability to compete in the market for deep-water oil rigs would be in the national economic interest. Government consequently has a responsibility to be certain that Scott-Lithgow cannot be brought to competitiveness before abandoning it. It should also be willing to accept that reliance on market forces is not the only route to economic efficiency.

There are three positive elements in the present situation. First, many believe that the shipyard has made substantial progress in acquiring the managerial, technical and labour skills needed to compete in a difficult market: second, encouragement may be taken from a managerial and productivity experiment which has enabled a Greenock marine engineering firm recently to complete an engine for Cunard in less than half the time it was wont to take (The Times, December 19, 1983); and, third, the desperation inherent in the situation gives the Government enormous clout. It will seldom have a better opportunity to

enforce competitiveness. In the circumstances, the Government should immediately offer conditional aid, making it clear that vastly improved efficiency is the main condition. The aid could in the first instance take the form of underwriting work for the 300-day margin apparently allowed for in the Britoil contract.

This would be in part self-financing through moneys saved on redundancy and unemployment benefits. It would also give all at Scott Lithgow a chance to show their paces, at least postpone the legal battle between British Shipbuilders and Britoil, and provide time for the Government to determine - expeditiously and expertly - the detailed conditions which have to be met if the yard is to be internationally competitive.

I believe that some such approach would be better for my town and our country than reproachful inaction. Yours sincerely,

JAMES PICKETT, Director. David Livingstone Institute of Overseas Development Studies, University of Strathclyde, McCance Building, 16 Richmond Street, Glasgow. December 21.

Combating Sinn Fein

From Mr L. C. Bailey Sir, What an unnecessary pother is heine created proscription of Sinn Fein! All that is needed is that every electoral candidate be required to declare before acceptance that he will neither incite nor advocate the use of violence in pursuit of political aims, or in any attempt to undermine constitutional government.

The onus of legitimacy in a democratic state would thus be placed squarely upon those who aspire to power within it. We should not then be faced with the absurdity of electing to democratic govern-ment those whose prime concern is its destruction.

Yours sincerely, LAWRENCE C. BAILEY, 19 Sharmans Cross Road, Solihull, West Midlands.

Justice for ratepayers

From Mr Roland C. Rench Sir, I am increasingly astonished by people such as Sir Jack Smart, Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities who, when rejecting the Government's case for rate-capping, frequently refer to "the democracy of local government".

How can the present system possibly be regarded as democratic when millions of individuals with incomes above the national incometax liability threshold make no direct contribution to their local councils (in the same way as ratepayers) yet are able to enjoy the luxury of "representation without taxation"? Naturally, they couldn't care two hoots about the financial implications of hare-brained schemes espoused by some councillors or empire-building aspirations

Not only would rate-capping prove unnecessary, but equity and justice in the funding of local government will only be achieved when the domestic rating system is abolished and replaced by a local income tax system. A detailed and convincing argument for not so doing has yet to be made public by this Government. Yours sincerely,

ROLAND C. RENCH, 8 Minshull Place, Park Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Navy cuts

of the bureaucracy.

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour). Sir, Rodney Cowton's report (December 2) of the "Navy's success in postponing the rundown of its fleet of destroyers and frigates" does not alter the underlying downward trend which disquieted most members who spoke from both sides of the House in the Navy debate on November 28.

Since that debate, written answers to parliamentary questions reveal that only three destroyers and seven frigates are currently on order, that only six frigates have been ordered since May, 1979, and three of these are replacements for vessels lost in the South Atlantic, whereas five frigates and one destroyer are to be withdrawn from the active floet during 1984 and six frigates in 1985.

Despite ministerial claims, the number of operational frigates and destroyers in the late eighties is likely to drop as low as 20, not 35 to

risk with inadequate scapower of at least 90 per cent of merchant

At least as serious as the

Pressing query on When workers sink in the poverty pool A fairer deal for

deserves to be evaluated by the way in which man's work is properly remunerated", said the present Pope

in his encyclical letter, Laborem

Exercens. He goes on to say: "Just remuneration for the work of an

adult who is responsible for a family

means remuneration which will suffice for establishing and properly

maintaining a family and providing

security for its future".

The "right to a fair remuneration" is embodied in the European Social Charter and the Committee of

Independent Experts has proposed

that this is defined as a level of 68

per cent of the national average wage

... "workers receiving less than this

amount would not be considered as

receiving a fair or decent remuner-

In our country in 1909 Winston Churchill said: "It is a serious national evil that any class of his

Majesty's subjects should receive

less than a living wage in return for their utmost exertions" – words as relevant now as they were then. In

the light of your leader it is apposite

to continue this quotation: "It was

formerly supposed that the working of the laws of supply and demand would naturally regulate and elimin-

ate that evil ... but where you have

Although there are, surely, readers

who will expose the weakness of

much said by you, the greatest weakness is your failure to address

yourself to the moral issue you have

the previous high standards of your

newspaper to restore some balance

overtime make little difference.

J. M. ABBOTT, President, The Retail Book, Stationery, and

Allied Trades Employees'

Yours faithfully,

Association,

workforce.

7 Grape Street,

Sir, you owe it to your readers and

ation".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

labour have been defeated ultimate-ly by the moral imperatives that underlie the fact that "labour" is our From Dr K. V. Roberts Sir. Certainly a standard minimum wage has all the disadvantages outlined in your leading article of December 20. Nevertheless, if it were merely abolished with nothing neighbour. In the case of wages or the "price for the job" the moral imperative has been amply expressed: "... the put in its place the likely consejustice of a socioeconomic system

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quence is that wages in some occupations would fall below the re subsistence level.
There is no natural barrier against this because the wives and dependent children of those who already have a well-paid job constitute a pool of labour that can afford to work for low wages; indeed below a

certain level their wages attract no

A family that at present relies entirely on social security has no such option, however, since any additional income received by one of its members incurs an effective tax rate of around 100 per cent. Surely there is a better and less divisive long-term solution? The

protection of a minimum wage without its attendant disadvantages could be achieved quite simply by distributing a basic subsistence income to all individual resident citizens. The level would depend only on age and be independent of other financial resources.

This basic income would replace most existing transfer payments and many tax allowances. It would enable a host of restrictions to be safely removed, including the minimum wage, and a genuinely free labour market established.

Hermione Parker has explained. in evidence presented to the recent House of Commons Subcommittee on the Structure of Personal Income Taxation and Income Support, how a basic income scheme could be established at no net cost to the Exchequer. Is it not considering? Yours sincerely.

. V. ROBERTS. Culham Laboratory, Abingdon, Oxfordshire December 20.

From the President of the Retail Book, Stationery, and Allied Trades Employees' Association

Sir, Owners of slaves on the cotton plantations and employers of children in the coal mines would have been delighted had they been alive to read your first leader on December 20 ("Price for the job"). Fortunately for western civilization all those in our society who have sought to justify the exploitation of

Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2. December 23. customers. A team of gifted super-visors are now disbanded with the

The community programme scheme is known to have good

returns for its expenditure, has filled places successfully and produced

schemes of community benefit all

over the country. It has given

employment, developed skills and

The Youth Training Scheme, on

bounds of possibility (or logic) to

If the Government releases further funds eventually for the

community programme sponsors

will be hard to find the second time

increased opportunities to permanent employment.

and successful one?

vanishing point.

Yours faithfully,

Castle Project.

2 Benet Place, Lensfield Road,

Cambridge. December 14.

W. Barnes

Frozen funds for MSC From Mrs Anne Aldrich and Mr Graham Petrie

Sir. The recent freeze on funds for Manpower Services Commission community programmes defies logic or understanding. This has been acknowledged as a successful MSC scheme, developed from the pre-vious Community Enterprise Pro-gramme, and area offices have been active in recruiting sponsors to set up projects and agencies catering for long-term unemployed people. Now not only new schemes but

those seeking renewal for a further year are "frozen" for an unspecified time, leaving sponsors and workforces, without warning, in shocked, bitter and disillusioned uncertainty.

Many community programmes like our own have been construc-tively used to employ disadvantaged people who had been left at the end of the queue for jobs. We have employed young adults with a history of psychological problems in a craft workshop setting where their rehabilitation has been unquestionably advanced by the acquisition of skills and working relationships resulting in increased self-esteem.

We have earned the backing of the relevant local union, employers' association, councils, mental welfare organisations, as well as that of our

Puzzle for Orwell

Captain Cook's end

From Lieutenant-Commander Lloyd

Sir, In a travel article entitled "Aloha, hula and goodbye to an Hawaiian odyssey" (December 17) you refer to the exploits of Captain James Cook in the history of the

Hawaiian Islands. In particular, you

report that Captain Cook was killed

Diamond Head"; presumably you

on the beach near the now-famous

ANNE ALDRICH, Director,

GRAHAM PETRIE, Chairman,

From Mr A. T. Lynam-Smith Sir, Your leader (December 17) wisely drew attention to the danger of divesting local government of real responsibilities.

Having just returned from the USA, I was struck by the difference in attitude towards local government. They refer to "our" schools, "our" chamber of commerce, etc. In this country we only refer to "the"

It is ironic that, in 1984, a Conservative government intends to reduce further local responsibilities, with the consequent apathy on the part of local communities and increase in state control. George Orwell would have cause to be nuzzled. Yours faithfully,

A. T. LYNAM-SMITH. Sunningwell House, Sunningwell, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. December 18.

40, the Government's stated target out of 50 to be kept available; much of the fleet will be un-modernised

and over 20 years old. But your headline in another edition the same day read "Nato 'at and reported the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, Admiral Wesley L. McDonald, USN, as stating that in terms of modern destroyers, frigates, attack submarines and equipment used in mine warfare he was 50 per cent short of his needs, which are based on the requirement to sustain Western Europe by ensuring the safe passage

mean Waikiki.

I beg to differ. Captain Cook was slain at Kealakekua Bay on the big island of Hawaii on February 14, 1779. This location is far away from Diamond Head, which is on the island of Oahu.

A monument has been erected to Captain Cook at Kealakekua Bay and this monument is visited and maintained regularly by officers and men of the Canadian Navy. Yours aye,

LLOYD BARNES, Canadian High Commission, Defence Liaison Staff, Macdonald House, 1 Grosvenor Square, W1.

emasculation of the Royal Navy is the drastic and continuing decline of our Merchant Navy. Our merchant fleet has declined almost 3.4 million gross registered tons and at least 140 ocean-going ships in the past year to put us eighth in the world league; and 5,000 officers and men are

leaving the sea every year.

Thus ministerial assurances that the "merchant fleet remains capable of meeting defence needs in emergency" also lack conviction. Adequate numbers of these men and their ships are every bit as essential as modern destroyers and frigates if the resupply and reinforcement of Western Europe is to be served without lowering the nuclear threshold.

Yours sincerely, PATRICK DUFFY. House of Commons. December 19.

sugar-growers From the Bishop Suffragan of

Sir, I am grateful to discover that someone else is concerned about the level of European sugar production. Every time I have tried to raise the issue I have been told that it is too complex for anyone but the expert to understand.

Sir Robert Kirkwood (December 7) expresses the anomaly in its simplest and starkest form: why impoverish Third World importers

by producing our own sugar?
He might have added that we can grow other crops, but even if the Caribbean countries were persuaded to diversify, they do not have the capital resources to do so. Their dependence on sugar-growing is largely the consequence of European intervention in the past, and having helped to populate these countries through the slave trade, we have since the War forced them to reexport the children of the plantations by denying them an adequate market for their labour at home and

their sugar abroad. Apart from the understandable desire of European farmers to profit from a readily-saleable beet crop, the only reason I have understood for our apparent selfishness is that we learned from two world wars the danger of dependence on imports of

basic foodstuffs. Does Sir Robert - or anyone else accept that we in Europe must grow more than half our sugar. no organization, no parity of bargaining...you have not a condition of progress, but a con-dition of progressive degeneration." (Hansard, April 28, 1909.) whatever the cost to us and the Third World, in case we ar subjected to a future sea blockade? Yours faithfully,

† KEITH WARWICK. Warwick House, 9 Armorial Road, Coventry, West Midlands. December 7.

Charities and the state

From Mr H. E. Bell Sir, The arguments in your leader of

to your arguments by explaining how an adult would in 1983 suffice December 17 ("Charitable giving on a weekly rate even lower than £60 and taking") against Government a week, the current norm of Wage Council rates, to which bonuses and subventions to charities are overwhelming. How much better and more effective to make individuals donations to charity tax-deductible as in the USA, Canada and elsewhere, providing a necessary incentive to donors.

American generosity, which you praise, is not without self-interest in this respect. In Britain at present public money is being withdrawn from universities, for instance without any real hope of their making up the difference. The ta: lost by such a change might well h offset by the saving on grants t voluntary bodies. Yours faithfully,

H. E. BELL. Senior Assistant Registrar, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshin December 19.

the other hand, has had problems in getting off the ground and is Deaths of kings

acknowledged to be underspent by a From Mr Oliver Gillie large margin. Is it beyond the Sir, Bernard Levin's attempt to rewrite British history (December 22) does not do him credit. transfer unspent millions from the budget of an unproven and less Argumentation about the normal successful scheme to an established human life span is no substitute for facts when considering how our last four kings died. In 1977 I revealed in The Sunday Times (Magazine, September 4) that our last four kings died of smoking diseases and this round. The abandonment of schemes in a programme of such potential reduces their credibility to has never been seriously challenged

by any historian or doctor. Edward VII started to suffer from bronchitis in his late forties. He was advised by his doctors to smoke less but paid no attention. In his sixues the monarch became severely short of wind and instead of stalking deer had to have them driven on to his gun. He was 68 when, still a smoker,

George V also suffered from severe bronchitis for a large part of his adult life. In 1928, aged 63, he suffered from an attack of pneumonia which would have killed anyone without expert medical

attention. George VI, who smoked 40 to 50 cigarettes a day, did not only die (aged 56) of lung cancer but started to suffer from obstruction to the circulation of the right leg at the age of 52. He had to have an operation to cut nerves - a sympathectomy -

to save the right leg.
Edward Duke of Windsor, who
was briefly Edward VIII, narrowly
escaped death in 1964 when he was operated on for an aneurysm of the aorta - a common consequence of heavy smoking. Eventually he died. eight years later, aged 77, of cancer of the throat.

The seven serious diseases suffered by the four kings - two cancers, two severe arterial prob-lems, two chronic bronchitis and a heart attack - are all common consequences of smoking and led to their demise. If they had not smoked and had died of old age these Kings might reasonably have been ex-pected to live into their eighties. Yours sincerely,

OLIVER GILLIE, Medical Correspondent, The Sunday Times, 61 Dartmouth Park Road, NW5. December 22.

Personality change

From the Reverend Canon J. G. Grimwade

Sir, I find it surprising that you give only four lines to the statement in oday's Times (December 21) that if there were a chance to be anyone else, Mrs Thatcher would choose to be Mother Teresa.

If this is how the Prime Minister feels it implies an immense change in the Government's health and social policies in the coming year. Yours faithfully, JOHN GRIMWADE

The Rectory, Stonesfield, Oxford. December 21.

Mr R. G. Andrews and Miss S. Falkiner

The engagement is announced between Raymond Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr Derek Andrews and of Mrs Mary Andrews, 32 Dellwood Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk, and Sophia, elder child of Mr and Mrs Richard Falkiner, 15 Yarrell Mansions, Queens Club Gardens, London, W14 9TB.

Mr R. Liley and Miss R. Hoghes

The engagement is announce between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. N. Liley, of Blytho Bridge, Staffordshire, and Ruth, elder daughter of Mrs M. Hughes and the late Frank Hughes, of Nantwich, Cheshire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs W. S. S. Maclay, of Hambledon, Surrey, and Myriam, daughter of Pastor and Mrs A. Malaise, of Crissier, Lausanne, Switzerland,

Surgeon Lieutenant S. C. Sheard,

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs M. E. Sheard, of Spring Hill Court, Nailsworth, and Sally Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. Scott, of Christmas Pie House, Christmas Pie, near Guild-

Birthdays today

Sir Henry Bland, 74; Mr W. A. Camps, 73; Mr D. C. Carr. 57; Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, 73; Sir Bayard Dill, 78; Mr T. W. Gould, VC, 69; Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, 51; Lieutenani-General Sir George Lea, 71; Lord Justice O'Connor, 69; Mr Simon Raven, 56; Professor E. J. Richards, 69; Lord Salmon, 80; Miss Massis 69; Lord Salmon, 80; Miss Maggie Smith, 49.

Latest appointments

Mr David Emms, Master of Dulwich College, London, is to succeed Mr Roger Ellis, Master of Mariborough College, as Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference.

Air Commodor Geoffrey J. B. Claridge to be Secretary of The British Association of Occupational

Latest wills

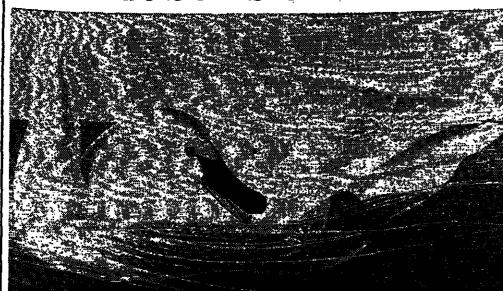
Ekins, Dorothy Olive, of Warboys, Roberts, Brigadier Charles Douglas, - Frant Fast Sussex _____£470,235 ...£236.884 £444,679 Keisner, Mr Arthur William of Regent's Park, London, intestate

-Murray to help 'Crisis' team

Mr Len Murray, the TUC general-secretary, and his wife will do an eight-hour shift today, serving tea and food and cleaning up at the Crisis at Christmas warehouse in Vauxhall, London, which provides food and accommodation for Equine Animals Trust in the homeless.

Among other visitors have been the labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, and the Bishop of the bills and the sanctuary is Southwark, the Right Rev threatened with the spectre of Ronald Bowlby, with their the bailiffs. wives. The Christmas event started on December 23' and cares for about seventy assorted hundreds of homeless people have gone to the warehouse. On sheep, cattle, dogs, cats and rabbits, blames the hot dry Christmas Day more than 1,000 enjoyed a traditional dinner. The warehouse is open until high cost of hay for much of her

Audubon's birds set to lay a golden egg





A selection of hand coloured aquatint plates from John James Audubon's Birds of America, the four volumes of which are to be auctioned by Sotheby's on February 1. The books, dated 1827-1838, are likely to fetch more than £1m.







The plates show: (top) trumpeter swan and Roseate spoonbill; (bottom) snowy heron, American white pelican, and American flamingo.

Chess tournament goes ahead without Russians

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

Cash crisis may close

animal sanctuary

By Tony Samstag

A home for old, sick and She admits, however, that unwanted animals will have to financial crisis has been fairly

close within a week or two if it regular since she started the

cannot raise at least £8,000. The sanctuary, seemingly a natural

18-year-old Sanctuary for consequence of family history

trust.

Despite the Soviet Chess ederation's failure to send any players, the fifty-ninth Hastings International Premier Chess Tournament which opens at the White Rock Pavilion today, looks stronger than ever, it includes nine international grandmasters, four international masters, and one FIDE

Oddly enough, the replacements necessary because of the lAst-minute Russian defection have strengthened the Elo rating of the tournament, so that much fine chess can be expected during the next few weeks.

There are two international grandmasters from the United States: Alburt and Gurevitch, master, Kudrin, who has an Elo grandmaster norm and so rating higher than that of most become the world's youngest grandmasters.

Other strong grandmasters include Csom and Sax from Hungary, Ftacnik of Czechoslovakia; Suba of Romania; Kar-Isson from Sweden; and the Britons, Mestel and Speelman. If the last two are in form they should be strong candidates for

the leading places. There are also two British international masters taking part: Mark Hebden and Nige Short, as well as the FIDE Andrew Martin who qualified for the premier by winning the Challengers' section last year. The fourth international master taking part is Ivanov of Canada.

Much interest centres on and an American international hoped that he will gain the third grandmaster.

Mrs Gillard-Loft has taken a

variety of jobs, from nursing to

modelling, to help to fiance the

Zoo to close: The zoo at Cromer, Norfolk, founded 21

years ago by Coco the Clown, is

to close. Rising costs and falling

attendances have led to the

decision, said his daughter, Mrs

Olga Kerr, who yesterday issued

Cumbrian climbers press on with attempt at Everest

District outcrop.

sitting in London."

Everest as they are on a Lake

attempt has become too danger-

individual climber on the

mountain, not to a committee

ting to tests by their own doctor

compete at high altitudes.

The climbers will be submit-

"The decision whether an

must be left to the

The eight members of the to climbing the West-Ridge of Cumbrian Mount Everest expedition are determined to press ahead with their plans to attempt the West Ridge of the mountain from China next year, without support from the Mount Everest Foundation.

As they packed one and a quarter tons of equipment vesterday ready for its transport to Peking, the climbers dismissed fears that they lacked material that will eventually be the experience or the lung of use to athletes proposing to

Mr David Kay, of Penrith, said: "We believe there is far Michael Ward, is concentrating surance policies. But funds from on. There is the whole issue of American sources and a grant motivation and commitment to from ICI have helped to ease

The Mount Everest Foundation has no power to prevent climbing expedition from attempting any objective but its approval is invaluable in securing sponsorship. Although the Cumbrian climbers have not been told officially that their application for approval has been rejected, the foundation's new guidelines on the dangers to small expeditions

The expedition, led by Mr expedition. the foundation, through Mr others have cashed life in- by Mr Chris Bonington in 1982

The party leaves for Peking in March.

attempting high-altitude objectives without supplementary oxygen would exclude their

The Cumbrian team is one of ended with the disappearance of Mr Peter Boardman and Mr Joe Tasker, high on the East North-

Manchester, the daughter of a Scottish miller, in a street which might, we are told, stand as a model for the later Coronation Street itself. Her parents were musical and saw to it that she played the piano - her sister took up the violin - to such effect that at the age of 15 she became pianist with the orches-

OBITUARY

MISS VIOLET CARSON

Grand Old Lady of 'Coronation Street'

Miss Violet Carson, OBE, the actress, pianist and singer and through her playing of the brusque, cross-grained Ena Sharples in the long-running serial Coronation Street, one of the best-known faces in television, died on December 26 in Blackpool. She was 85.

She played the character for over 2,000 performances and was last seen in the part which she made very much her own in February, 1980. She was made OBE in 1965, and was an honorary MA of Manchester University. In 1960 the writer Tony Warren engaged in casting the new serial remembered Miss Carson as a "no nonsense" actress he had met professionally when he was 12 and asked her to audition for the part of Ena. "Why", said Miss Carson, "She's a back-street bitch" and the legend was born.

There are television actors and actresses who seem to disappear almost completely into the roles they play. Violet Carson meant unjustly less to millions of television viewers than the formidable, aggressive Ena Sharples of Coronation Street. The bair tightly screwed into a hairnet or obtrusive curlers, the admirable punctuality with which she responded to the licensing laws, her excoriating tongue, her inability to keep her nose out of other people's business, her readiness to offer advice disguised as flagrant verbal aggression with-out the excuse of advice, these

was called to appear in Independent Television's Stars on Sunday to dispense religious words and high intentions) never really challenged the splendid monster that Miss Carson and a number of clever script-writers had created for her to embody.

This, of course, was anything but fair to a very talented entertainer-pianist, actress and

Violet Carson was born in tra of a Manchester cinema.

Married in 1926, she was widowed two years later and returned to the piano, playing in cinemas and at small concerts and social evenings to earn her



In 1935 she joined the BBC in Manchester and became known as a pianist, as a singer of everything from popular ballads to operatic arias, and as "Auntie Vi" on the then North

Region's Children's Hour. in 1946 she joined Wilfred Pickles quiz show, Have a Go! as pianist, became one of the interviewers and an occasional panellist in Women's How and eventually an effective character actress in radio plays; it was as an actress that she reached television in the 1950s.

The birth of Coronation Street - one of Granada Television's most powerful inspirations - in 1960 introduced Violet Carson to her alter ego Ena Sharples and made her a star whose skill responded flagrant aggression or to offer without strain as the serial developed. She was highly convincing as the unredeemed were Ena Sharples, the reality.

Miss Violet Carson (the "Miss" was obligatory, as it was for Gracie Fields, whenever she gentieness and courtesy for hypocrisy and cowardice. Within the limits of Ena Sharples, Miss Carson created a characterization which could never be faulted.

Television has perhaps, tended to overshadow the pleasures of what used to be called "the wireless" which nourished many older readers. It is sometimes forgotten how versatile were the performers who had more than one string to their bows; for example Violet, who was acting character parts long before television had become universal on one occasion, called Violet's Day Out, played a piano concerto with the BBC Northern Orchestra; sang a piece from Bizet's Carmen; accompanied herself in a classical aria and rounded the whole performance off with some rollicking choruses from

HERBERT van THAL

nemen letters, publisher, editor, anthologist and writer, died on December 23 at the age of 79.

Herbert Maurice van Thal was born in London in 1904, and educated at St Paul's School. His whole life was dedicated, in one form or another, to books; and the justest epitaph for him is certainly that he was one of the last keepers of standards in the popular field in which he made

He was very well read, specially in Victorian literature. Lunch as his guest at the Reform Club with him was invariably, for a fellow author, a

Van Thal had been a literary (1971), Belloc: A Biographical agent. For some time after the Anthology (1970), Landor: A Second World War he managed Biographical Anthology (1973). Second World War he managed his own publishing company, and The Music Home & Van Thal. In more panion (1971). recent years he was best known as an editor, particularly of the ried to the former Phyllis Mary Pan Horror Stories series, in which hundreds of thousands of genuine "bookmen", and as readers received the benefit of such, and for his geniality,

wnenever available.

Library for the publisher Antony Blond in the 1960s; this reprinted readable Victorian classics and in particular it made Wilkie Collins's novel No Name available to a new generation of readers.

Herbert van Thal was mar-Bayley. He was one of the last his legendary wide reading and modesty and wide knowledge, his refusal to select pulp fiction he will be sadly missed.

an urgent appeal for purchasers for her lions, tigers, pumas, sheep and baboons. predicament

Mrs Vicki Gillard-Loft, who

horses, goats, donkeys, ponies,

summer and the consequent

Science report Rubbish tips become a gull's delight

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent The link between the reorganiration of local councils almost 10 years ago and the amount of damage since done to aircraft by "birdstrike" is not obvious. But research by government scientists into the habits of seagulls has shown

that it exists.
It concerns rubbish dumps, which provide happy hunting grounds for the birds. The scientists, who work at the Worplesdon laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, have given a graphic description of an existence which is as worrying for airlines as it is agreeable for the birds.

"Gulls spent much of the day at loaling sites, usually in one large flock, resting, preen-ing and bathing where water was available. Loafing sites generally commanded a good all-round view." Some large inland council dumps are now visited by thousands of happy birds, which may have travelled thousands of miles to feast on the heaps of refuse.

But seaguils are also responsible for 42 per cent of the British cases of "birdstrike", in which a bird can be drawn into the engine of an airliner. Human lives have sometimes accidents.

attract gulls until house-holders were persuaded to put it in dustbins instead of throwing it out of their back doors. Municipal dumps started to attract complaints about gulls more than 50 years

The reorganization of local government in the early 1970s led to a rationalization of refuse disposal in which dumping was concentrated on a smaller number of larger sites. The larger the heaps, the more the gulls flew down to feed on them. One of the counties abolished at that time was Middlesex, which in-cluded London's Heathrow

airport.
The ministry scientists concentrated their gull studies on an area to the south and west of the airport. They marked some of the gulls found there and some of those birds were later seen as far away as Switzerland, Finland and Poland. Their study showed that a single large council rubbish heap could influence the feeding habits of

thousands of guils. If such a tip was closed, the birds would disappear not only from its site, but also from smaller feeding grounds near

Inland rubbish did not by such as playing fields and sewage works. The scientists found that the birds were not easily dislodged from the "superabundance of food" that swaited them on the tips.
"Galls often fed very close to
the working bulldozer as it
levelled and compacted refase."

The gulls, which were once hardly seen far inland, now pose a significant bazard in a country such as Britain where the Government expects demand for air travel to grow. But the birds are consistent in their habits. They follow the same routes to their rubbish dumps year after year, and they may fly more than 20 miles across Britain from roost

to feeding site. It is, therefore, possible when planning a new rubbish dump to calculate the likely routes and numbers of the gulls that will be attracted to it. In areas near airports, therefore, the habits of guils must be considered when councils make plans for establishing rubbish tips.

The Journal of Applied Ecology, December, 1983 (Blackwell Scien-tific Publications, Osney Mead, Oxford; annual subscription £58.50).

Pat Gunson, of Ulverston, is Nigel Short, aged 18, since it is more involved in high altitude costing the climbers more than mountaineering than this one £4,000 each. "Some have taken smallest in size ever to attempt question of lung capacity that out second mortgages and Everest A smaller attempt led

Grants

succeed that is just as important the pressure", Mr Kay said. University news

Dr Hugh G. Miller, DSc, principal scientific officer. Macaulay Institute appointed to the chair of forestry.

Professor Robert Ramage has been appointed to the Forbes Chair of appointed to the Forbes Chair of organic chemistry, from September 1, 1984. Professor Ramage holds the chair of organic chemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

Dr Paul F. Bradley has been appointed to the chair in oral surgery from October 1, 1983. He succeeds Professor W. D. MacLennan. Since 1977 Dr Bradley has been a consultant in oral and maxillofacial surgery to North Wales, while retaining research associate status with Liverpool University.

Professor Alastair A. Spence has been appointed to the chair of anaesthetics. The previous head of department, Professor J. D. Robert-son, retired in 1982. Professor Spence was formerly head of the university department of anaes-thesia, Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Mr Michael H. Weber has been appointed director of the Centre for Industrial Consultancy and Liaison from February 1, 1984, on secondment from his present post as lecturer in the department of business studies.

Newcastle

Grants
Medical Research Council: £79.254 to Dr P
Kendall. Taylor for research into mechanisms regulating cell growth and proliferation in the normal fayroid and in
autoimmune thyroiditis: £58,965 to
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Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: MA: Mrs Eunice Jones, for her contributions to public life in Wales: Miss Dyddgu Owen (education and interature): Mr Harold A. Prescott (public library service). LLD: Mr John Francis Burke (cancer research and medicine); Sir Edward Walter Parkes (engineering

and services to the financing and administration of universities); Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani (statesman), DSc Professor John Ivan George Cadogan (chemistry and services to Science).

D Litt: Marquess of Anglesey (public service in Wales and military history); Miss Sian Phillips Agricultural Research Council: £127.280 to Professor D A Walker for studies of photosynthetic carbon assimilation. Chemical Abstracts Service: £52,700 to Professor W F Lynch for studies of generic

Chemical Originals.

Professor MF Lynch for studies of years a chemical formulas.

Derwent Publications: £70,000 to Professor Lynch for studies of general formulas.

Science and Espineetrus Professor Council (British Telecont £49,539 to Professor P N Robson and Dr Pl Rocket for studies of GaAIAs/GaAs Letew-structures

Mr D. T. Ulphy, reader in the department of political economy, University College London, has been appointed to the chair in economics, in succession to Pro-fessor W. H. Buiter. Mr A. D. Chesher, lecturer in

econometrics, Birmingham University, has been appointed to the chair Professor A. S. Deaton. Dr A. H. Linton, reader in veterinary bacteriology, has been appointed to the chair in bacteri-

ology.

Dr G. K. Wilcock, consultant physician, department of geriatric and general medicine. Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, has been ap-pointed to the chair in care of the

elderly.

Dr J. E. Beringer, senior principal scientific officer, Rothamsted Experimental Station, has been appointed to the directorship of the Molecular Genetics Unit.

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Weltone Trust \$53,725 to Dr O T Phillipson for an investigation of the lambs continuous for an investigation on the family and the process of adjustment to desiness.

Facet Limited: \$75,000 to Mr B F Day, Mr P W Fift and Dr R R Clements towards an investigation on modular simulation programs for Bermail design of services and buildings.

British Petrologue: \$218,600 to Design Continuous Continuo

lidings, tilsh Petroleum: £218,629 to Professor G unton and Dr J R Maxwell towards an restigation of molecur organic geo-Investigation of molecur organic geo-chemistry. Daliyety Spillers: E82.576 in Professor A J F Weister for an evaluation of feeds for ruminant livestock. However Betting Levy Board: \$52,789 to Professor I A Sliver as a supplementary grant lowards a study and treatment of fendon injurios. Health Authority: £45,000 to Prufugant Townsend for a pilot study of the relationship between deprivation and health in two areas. to Protessor P Townsend for a pilo study of the relationship between deprivation and health in Iwa areas.

Agricultural and Food Research Council: £84,190 to Professor J MacMillan as a supplementary grant towards an estimation of Oliberotlins and development processes: metabolism structure-activity chemical preparation.

Cancer Research Campasign: £58,438 to Professor M A Epstein for an investigation of virus settlogy of human mailgnant disease: bymphoma/nasopharyngeal carcinoma. Imperial Tobacco: £46,780 to Mr R N Estrettowards a continuallon of the research fellowards a continuallon of the research fellowards a continuallon of the research

Southampton
The Mountbatten Memorial Trust has awarded a grant of £87,000 to the Man-Machine Systems group in the Department of Electronics to develop a low-cost, casy-to-use system for subtitling educational television programmes for the deaf. The essential feature of the system will be the provision of a local facility within schools, with caption ing done by the teacher.

Science and Engineering Research Council: £198,396 to Dr K H Bennett, department of computer science, to study a structure for religible filestones. City

Grant

Mr J. D. Dodge has been appointed professor of journalism and head of the centre for journalism studies. Visiting professorships: Mr A. J. Rogers (physics): Professor T. Rybczyski (social science and humanities): Professor J. Blacking, Dr P. Manning and Professor W.

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Readerships: Dr K & Virdi (civil condinecting).

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Science and Engineering Research Council:
EC3.250 to Dr J H Albinson for research on
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EERC: ES1.657 to Professor A Testing for
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PROF J. van LOHUIZEN de LEEUW

A correspondent writes: Friends in many countries will be saddened to learn of the sudden death of Professor Johanna (Joan) Engelberta van Lohuizen de Leeuw at the age of 64. She was one of the leading she held until her death. European historians of Indian and Southeast Asian art.

indefatigable traveller and worker. Her interests and researches led her to all the many of Southeast Asia. During 1983 she made no less than three short excursions to Gilgit, Ladakh and Indonesia. She took on a tremendous burden of teaching and many undergrad- When a meeting was called in uates and research students Cambridge in 1970 to establish teaching and many undergradhave reason to be grateful to a biennial conference of South

colleagues alike. knowlege of the art history of subequently maintained by South and Southeast Asia: her agreeing to act as permanent judgment and authority on secretary for the conference. works of art of all periods were visiting lecturer at the Sor-

bonne. She was born in Amsterdam active part in promoting the and studied at the universities trust. of Leiden and Utrecht. After University Lecturer in Indian loyal friend.

art and archaeology at Cambridge and her enthusiastic affection and respect for Cambridge dated from that time. In 1959 she returned to Amsterdam as Professor, a post which

In Amsterdam she estab-lished the Institute of South and Joan van Lohuizen was an Southeast Asian Archaeology ndefatigable traveller and and was its Director until 1976. During that time she built up a researches led her to all the splendid Library and photo-countries of South Asia and to graphic collection. She returned to Cambridge in 1977 for a year's visiting fellowship at St Edmund's House.

Two of her further contributions deserve special notice. Asian Archaeologists in Westand advice to students and ern Europe it was natural that she should have played a She had an encyclopaedic leading role, a role which she

In 1978 she became one of extraordinary. She was well the founding trustees of the known as a lecturer throughout Ancient India and Iran Trust, Europe and from 1954-61 was a and she planned to return to Cambridge after her retirement in 1984 so as to take a more

Her death robs the world of holding posts at Groningen and an unrivalled scholar, and those Utrecht, she was fron 1951-59 who knew her of a dear and

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old-time music hall. She once said, a trifle sadly, "I don't want to be Sharples -that old bag - all my life. I want people to remember I'm Violet

He edited the Doughty

When this project ceased, van Thal invited the editor of a similar series under the auspices of a different publisher to lunch in order to hand over to him the list of books he would have added to his own series, and to talk about 19th century novels. Such was the man's generosity and love of books. He was also editor of Cassells

treat: old-fashioned courtesy, helpful advice, and good conversation about books.

First Novel Library.

His own books included The Tops of the Mulberry Trees, and The Music Lover's Com-

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THE ARTS

it was a year in which the Arts Council finally decided it had to reach its fortieth birthday in 1985 rith a degree of dignity.

Until 1983 the old orthodoxy prevailed: public subsidy of the arts should increase annually, cash should be ready to "respond" to new developments, centres of excellence would spread across the nation while the identity of the fringe was preserved. In essence the Council was the primarily passive purveyor of the old welfare benevolence.

But for years the cash squeeze had been intensified. Money had stopped increasing, although the entire strategy of the Council dating back to the first chairmanship of Keynes was based on growth. Vast investment in helps and marter had to be ments in bricks and morter had to be serviced, but at the same time the continuous clamour on behalf of new projects had somehow to be damped

It was primarily an organizational problem which could not be solved simply by resorting to campaigns for more cash. Such campaigns were inevitably weakened by the spectacle of the effects of public spending cuts

The Arts Council must now renounce the faith of 40 years' work and adopt an altogether different role for the future. Bryan Appleyard investigates the threat – and the promise

A time for philosophy, but not for battle

always had trouble opposing their claims to those of the medical profession for kidney machines. Yet still the left demanded Tory blood: the arts were socially desirable activities which a wicked Government was trying to crush. The subtle changes which took place in the relationship between the Government and the Council in 1983 were once again reduced to rows about more or less cash. What the Left should have

understood and the Council now finally seems to have taken on board is that the Government does mood has changed from indifference to mild enthusiasm. Efforts are being made to compile real statistics to show what really goes on. Total turnover figures for the arts and all

peripheral industries have been put as high as £3-£4,000m. The initial inspiration for this change was the Select Committee Report published in 1982. The seriousness with which this took the arts as an industry and badge of national prestige began to turn the tide. It became clear that, far from simply being another unacceptable drain on the public purse, the arts had some splendid Tory virtues. They stimulated all kinds of markets and they offered a tangible "weight"

to our national image,
Then along came Clive Priestley
with his scrutiny of the Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company. This was the Sclect Committee's reminations. flesh, right down to the cost of underskirts at Covent Garden. With

companies were given more or less clean financial bills of health.

The Arts Council was all but speechless – not least because both reports had edged towards demanding radical changes in its own position. Both thought it was too centralized and both suggested it should have less overall control over the flow of funds to the national companies. When the Companies companies. When the Government's ing major changes in the funding structure of dozens of companies, the pensy finally dropped. The Council had to go with the flow or risk a fight

programme dreamed up at likey and involving all the Council's annual clients. The next phase was the negotiation of the total grant for 1984-85, which was aunounced last week. The key to this was to exploit the Priestley enthusiasm by raising extra money for the ROH and the RSC and the regional operacompanies. And there was too the companies. And there suited overall increase.

Several things have not yet been spelled out. First the ROH and the RSC will be expected to implement the handful of Priestley-recommended economies during 1984-85. Thus in 1985-86 they will probably receive ne further increase as the economies will be expected to account for inflation. Also less overall cash will

larger reserve than usual - perhaps £1 in as opposed to £250,000. strategy comes into effect. By March, just before the beginning of the new financial year, the results of the likley consultation will be

known. A policy will be evolved which will help some companies rather than others: there will always be some foundering on financial rocks. Those favoured in the policy will be rescued by the larger reserve That takes the Council up to March 1985, when the entire Ilkley strategy can be implemented. A new, pruned client list will be auto

local authorities into funding the companies left out of the "nation importance" list in the plans to dishend the top tier councils. With luck these moves will come out in March 1984, providing Lord Gowrie and the Council with a large and very positive package of immorations. But blood will be split fairly steadily over the next two years. There will be insolvencies next year and many howls of protest in 1985. Yet in the long term the restructuring may result in more money and more companies. Certainly, if the decentralization side works, it will lead to more sustained pressure for greater artistic equality across the

also mean fewer staff. Overall the cost of abandoning the faith of the first 40 years will be high; the Council should causole itself with

Galleries in Los Angeles

Collectors in exciting context

for a museum of modern art in Los Angeles for almost as long as there has been of the need for a definitive Hollywood museum. At present it seems that the museum of modern art will make it first at any rate, the Temporary Contemporary has opened in the Little Tokyo district just east of Downtown and the Music Centre - a slum area which is in the midst of a spectacular facelift and artification, with new SoHo/Wapping style loft galleries appearing

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The Temporary Contemporary has been surrounded by a blaze of publicity which leaves the locals eager to visit and desperately vague about exactly where it is: finally I found a policemen who knew because it is housed in what used to be the major downtown police garage. The space is spectacular: high and open, covered by a great single-span ceiling supported here and there with diagonal struts which have been cunningmade into quasi-sculptural features, and still retaining mysteriously mouldering pullevs and other possibly movable parts which are not always easy to distinguish from the sculptures of Kienholz, Stella or Beuys strategically placed beneath. It is planned that this shall be the home of MOCA (it seems appropriate that conversationally MOMA in New York is a looming maternal presence, while MOCA in Los Angeles sounds like a flavour of ice cream) for two years, until its permanent' home, designed by Arata Isozaki for nearby Bunker Hill, is ready.

For outsiders the First Show likely to be rather less exciting than the context in which it is placed. The emphasis is for once primarily on the collector. eight collections have been drawn upon, all formed between 1940 and 1980, and each representing a different stratum of taste. Some like the Schreiber collection, are firmly based on artists who emerged as modern classics during the 1950s - Pollock, Stael, Giacometti and so on - while others bring the story right up to date, with the Panza di Biumo collection strong on the conceptual and minimal, and the Seatchis showing primarily their holding of Transavanguardia/Zeitgeist artists like Chia, Kiefer, Clemente and Schnabel. The result is that we are given a quick conspectus of what has been going on in the arts internationally for the last four decades as well as an intriguing sidelight on the ways that collecting taste develops. If the Temporary Contemporary can keep up this standard until it



Dead by Milly Steger

Meanwhile, though there colour.

seems to be no reason why any at MOCA (until February 19) is kind of competitive situation should exist the County Museum has been put on its mettle, and has come up with a really epoch-making show: the first major exhibition anywhere in the world devoted exclusively to German Expressionist Sculpture (until January 22). Coming in the wake of a number of ambitious shows devoted to Expressionist painting and to individual painters of the movement, this show is bound to seem, at first blush, like a minor annexe, a footnote it may be interesting to read if you can be bothered to turn to the back of the book. But that would be radically to underestimate it.

We probably know that many of the Expressionists interested themselves in more than one art-form, so it is no great surprise to encounter sculptures by artists we know best in other media, though it may well be surprising to find how confident and expressive are the sculptures of, say, Nolde, Kollwitz or Kirchner, or even that Schmidt-Rottluff emerges as an infinitely more interesting

home, it should be guaranteed sculptor than painter, with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic particularly personal and travels even a few miles. support from 1986 on. particularly personal and travels even a few miles. When the National

> But the real eye-opener of the show is the work of those who specialized in sculpture to the virtual exclusion of other forms. We have heard of Barlach and Lehmbruck (though chances of seeing their work in the original are not necessarily so frequent), but who knows anything much (or anything at all) about artists such as William Wauer, shown here with a number of brilliantly conventialized portrait heads, or Milly Steger, whose few surviving sculptures suggest that she was the most talented of the several talented women represented, or the short-lived Hermann Scherer, whose large painted wooden figures carry furthest and most powerfully the Expressionist proccupation with the effects of African and

> Oceanic carving? All of these artists come fresh to us, often with their most important surviving works, and the collection, superbly displayed, is usefully sup-plemented by parallel graphic works and photographic records of the missing and destroyed.

John Russell Taylor

Anthony Masters discovers just how much theatrical London is missing

No slight to London, but the best single thing about progresstheatre critic is the discovery, at first hand, of the dramatic pleasures outside the capital which you always knew were there. Only critics, agents and management scouts have the of West End and fringe theatre, in context - and then only partially. Reports from friends in places like Ipswich and Derby suggest that we miss a good deal by not seeing how well the humbler companies do Ayckbourn, the odd Shakespeare, Educating Rita or even Bent. But there are also bigger events to grab the attention: a Michael Elliot production of Ibsen in Manchester, Arthur Miller and Arnold Wesker premières in Birmingham, strikng new plays about Richard II (Exeter) or football (Southamp-

ton), or a Howard Barker political blockbuster in Shef-Only one of those "major has so far come to London The West End's increased reliance on imports from put of town is obvious enough: handsome Chichester transfers at the Haymarket, Daisy Pulls It Off from Southampton, Dear Anyone from Birmingham, as well as contri-butions from Hampstead, the Hammersmith theatres, Greenwich, the King's Head and (of course). Broadway. But too much that is good in British

When the National's cutthe Lyttelton and Cottesloe as intermittent transfer houses in Lyttelton's case - with foreign theatre which carried the torch from Peter Daubeny's World Theatre Seasons at the Aldwych and had already, in only two years, brought visits from Nuria Espert, the Berlin Schaubühne and the Théatre National Populaire. It had also picked plums from other British theatres - Shakespeare and Ben Jonson productions by Stuart Burge from the Birmingham Rep. Illuminatus from Liverpool, showings by the Man-chester Library and the Leicester Phoenix, to say nothing of the Glyndebourne Don Giovan-

As a consequence, London's what looks commercial. Some transfers, like 84 Charing Cross Road, achieve the success they deserve; others, like When the Wind Blows or Nuts or Mike Harding's delightful One Night Stand, fail to survive. But the really big fish get away al-





Jonathan Hackett and Sally Cookson (left) in the Royal Exchange's Wild Duck, more successfully cast and satisfying as a whole than anything London could manage; and Anna Keaveney and Miles Anderson in Bristol Old Vic's Love for Love, a major play unperformed

The classics for example. backs ended its regular use of Alan Badel in Sartre's comedy Kean, a decade ago, was rightly intermittent transfer houses in judged a good commercial bet 1977, it was not only the end of for Shaftesbury Avenue, but it a crucial connexion - in the arrived without his equally interesting performance as Othello, which ran aptly in tandem with it at the Oxford Playhouse. Now that classical productions at the National and the RSC seem to come increasingly from a small circle of names whose traits and personal stamp (and in some cases shortcomings) are already familiar, we need more than ever the shock of the new. Bristol Old Vic's dark and serious 1979 revival of Love for Love, a major play unperformed in London for almost 20 years, brought together a then unfamiliar director (Adrian Noble), excellent designs and actors like Miles Anderson and Sheila taste of regional quality is now Ballantyne at their best: the more and more restricted to result was a highly individual result was a highly individual production calculated to remain

in the memory ever since. Similarly, Michael Elliott's production of *The Wild Duck* earlier this year at Manchester's Royal Exchange with Ian McDiarmid and Jonathan Hackett was more successfully cast and satisfying as a whole

in London for almost 20 years than either the National or the does not add up to much. Lyric, Hammersmith, could London missed its chance with manage with the same play. Here, of course, one feels the loss of the Round House, whose special relationship with the Royal Exchange brought transfers, in the last few years, of some exceptional work including the Vanessa Redgrave Lady from the Sea, The Duchess of Malfi and The Family Reunion. Recent visits to the Royal Exchange suggest that it is going through a poor patch just now. But London should have seen that Wild Duck - which could only have been staged in the round - and the Round House's demise, even if some sort of

came) and Alan Ayckbourn's company from Scarborough. escaping "big fish" I mentioned earlier include a valuable number of large-scale new plays. The combined capability of the brave Royal Court, a fev other theatres like the Half Moon and Greenwich, and the National and RSC for staging

Just a Kick in the Grass, finally staged at Southampton: after Bromley was foiled at the eleventh hour. And with Two Planks and a Passion, a subtle, amusing and buoyantly original historical play commissioned by the Northcott at Exeter. Unlike a London impresario, the director of a theatre outside

Critical need for the enjoyable sense of occasion as intimately, sometimes as ruefully, as his own family and his eye will be firmly fixed on it. Sometimes that is a frustrating limitation; few theatres can escape their due tribute to Agatha Christies and canyfloss comedies. But it can also provide a sense of function and purpose: perhaps staging work of local interest, often historical, like the Vic at Stoke-on-Trent or indeed the RSC's unforgettable The Dillen this summer at Stratford-upon-Avon; perhaps (and this really should be compulsory) giving a vivid production of each year's O-level and A-level Shakespeare

play which will pack the house. Of course many out-of-London productions are not the same even if they do come in. Blood Brothers, which looked so crude and tatty down here, clearly would have had more atmosphere and significance in Liverpool even if had not had the ecstatic full houses there that it did in fact enjoy. Oldham, despite being an awkward place to get to and offering the traveller little choice _ Ronay's indfatigable inspectors recommend no establishment to stay or eat in), has the warmest most appreciative atmosphere I friendly, excited feel of the Richmond Theatre is the nearest the London area can offer. But, after a hilarious evening there with Bill Tidy's The Great Eric Ackroyd Disaster, I doubted whether

The alert sense of occasion which is ready for enjoyment but not uncritical: that is what I miss in London audiences (every night of the week, not just the artificially hysterical first-nighters) and that is what we need, as much as all the good productions London is missing out of town. How do we get it?

Thames's musical version of Kenneth Grahame's Wind in the Willows, adapted by Rosemary Anne Sisson and imagina-tively animated by Cosgrove again last night that magic can be safely sought in the classics which, with a little invention -

can be rewardingly refurbished. Cosgrove Hall have deservcdiy won awards for their previous animations and a series of 13 20-minute episodes on Willows is in preparation. The models here were excellent and the animation was superb. The composers, Keith Hop-wood, former lead guitarist for Herman's Hermits, and Malcolm Rowe, scored it well, seeking appropriate inspiration

Television

Apart from that slight quibble, full marks to Thames and the producers, Brian Cosgrove and Mark Hali.

The January issue of The Antique Dealer & Collectors Guide sets the tone in 1984 with

Collectors Grands sets the bode as its customary variety of articles for the informed collector, from nea table silver to Lalique car mascots, plus a directory of Britam's specialist antique collectors'

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rhythms of the Edwardian It was a pity, Christmas music-hall. schedules being not all that
The voices for Mole, Rat,
Badger and Toad - Richard
Pearson, Ian Carmichael, Channel 4 of George Eliot's
Michael Hordern and David Silas-Marner by another prize-

invite re-appraisal.

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after The Comedy of Errors, it invited comparison and fell further by it. The two gentle-men, John Hudson as Valentine and Tyler Butterworth as Proteus, had much earnestness, which gleamed rather obtrusively from the oft-popped eyes of the former, but little convic-tion. The girls, Tessa Peake-Jones as the constant Julia and Joanne Pearce as Silvia, did better, inclining one to reflect that maturity may indeed come earlier to the female of the

Against the acting and invention of Errors, this production paled. Even its sets indicated a lack of investment and the forest looked more like a garlanded waterworks than a refuge for outlaws. Not a good night for poor William.

Dennis Hackett



Theatre

Hi-de-Hi! Victoria Palace

It is Ugly Bug Ball Night at Maplin's (anything to amuse the happy campers): never-quite-made-it ballroom dancing champions Barry and Yvonne Stuart-Hargreaves (Barry Howard and Marie Lorraine) wear frosty smiles as Lord Stick-Insect and Lady Praying Mantis, the twins play caterpillars, Mr. Ben Warriss (taking over Uncle Benjamin) staggers on as a spider, and dotty little Peggy (Su Pollard) temporarily abandons her Omo and Windolene to star as the front legs of a centinede. I cannot remember what started it all, or the pass-the-jerry competition that sends Miss Pollard off in an ambulance with a pot wedged over her curly brows just above the spectacles, but it hardly matters. ou know you are among

television series has been so good that I hoped they would devise a proper full-length comedy weaving all these great characters together. Not so; maybe next Christmas? This how does wander from one production number to the next with less plot than you would get in a usual half-hour episode, but you seldom notice. The poinsettias and microphones phantly in their stride. clustering round the Victoria

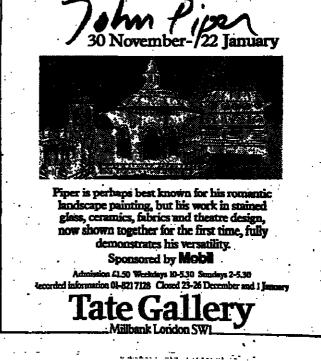
mention Bert Swanley and the Debonaires bouncing through 1959 hits, bring holiday-camp showtime at Crimpton-on-Sea to life too horribly to allow any but the briefest glimpses of backstage intrigue.

As the long-suffering Jeffrey Fairbrother, Simon Cadell first appears as a latter-day Cambridge archaeology professor numbly recalling the mad impulse that briefly led him to launch himself as entertainments manager among this motley crew. Introduced in quick succession to Miss Pollard's buckets and the throbbing heart of Gladys Pugh (Ruth Madoc), he brings a creative imagination to bingo-calling ("On its own, 41.") but comes into his own presently as Noël Coward singing "Mad Dogs and Englishmen". That sequence, with all the

prinicpals doing yesteryear star impersonations, hardly comes off. But in no time the fledgling At its best, Jimmy Perry's comic (Jeffrey Holland), dis-ind David Croft's writing in the carding earlier attires as a giant sauce bottle or a missionary in a cauldron, reappears as a fairy godmother granting a vision of former jockey Felix Bowness winning the Derby, tubby quiffed MC Paul Shane doing his Elvis bit, and the Stuart-Hargreaveses (underused in this show) at the Albert Hall, taking her 862 yards of nylon net and his undone flybuttons trium-

Anthony Masters





moves into its permanent EN de LEET and there was much of that here

in the English pastoral themes of Vaughan Williams and, for Toad, in the cheekily jaunty

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Classical magic

Jason respectively - were well winning British animator, Alichosen. Miss Sisson was fairly faithful to the original; but whereas that left us with "an altered Toad", cautioned by his Gentlemen of Verona, directed experiences into a less flamboy- by Don Taylor, who has an lifestyle, this version found apparently cherished an amhim incorrigible. It left him at bition to do the play since the end with a new obsession, aeroplanes, a legitimate twist perhaps but not quite necessary. Apart from that slight quibble, indeed the case, I thought that full marks to Thames and the this production did nothing to invite many residuals.

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US banks may write off some foreign loans

Under the proposals, banks would be required to write off 75 per cent of the value of their loans to Zaire, 50 per cent of their loans to the Sudan, 15 per cent to Poland and Nigeria and 10 per cent to Bolivia. Since total loans by American

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banks to these nations are relatively small, and since most banks are believed to have already written off portions of them, the proposals would have a small impact on this quarter's bank earnings. Some officials indicated, however, that the effect might be significant on some institutions.

portions of loans or to set up sheets. reserves against them. As these reserves could not be included stance corporate defeasance, in the banks' capital accounts, allows companies to buy and funds allocated to such reserves would be subtracted from the banks' earnings, the practical effect of establishing such a reserve would be

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The consequences could have been much greater if the authorities had determined that the banks should write off

much larger amounts are involved.

But some analysts said the regulators scrupulously sought regulators' new thrust might to avoid being placed in that encourage banks to write off troubled international loans more quickly than they have in the past, which could reduce near-term earnings.

Tegulators scrupulously sought to avoid being placed in that position, although their examiners at times disagreed over the quality of particular credits.

"We have argued philosophically against this approach,"

ECONOMIC VIEW

SEC approves interest device

Washington (NYT) - The Securities and Exchange Commission has unanimously approved an accounting device to let companies dress up their financial condition and show higher carnings her mainted by the said of th The proposals call for the higher carnings by wiping long-banks either to write off term debt off their balance

The device, called in-subgovernment securities to reduce their balance sheet debt by an cqual amount. Analysis said the technique would appeal primarily to companies with cash to Accounting Standards Board,

The technique has caused concern among some accountants and regulators who say that it allows companies to create instant, unrealized profits. The SEC, concerned about

the proliferation of defeasance equivalent to writing off the spare and a lot of low-interest temporarily banned the technique in August 1982.

that flows into the company's income statement.

Last month, the FASB

Under the method, a company seeking to reduce the debt on its balance sheet uses available cash to buy Treasury or government-guaranteed securities. These are then placed in a trust account, and pledged to pay the interest and principal

of the debt as it comes due. book value of the debt removed from the balance sheet, and the cost of the securities placed in the trust, equals the likely gain

But in its press releases, the Fed said that present bank procedures do not always reflect the reduced quality of these credits and do not account for them uniformly. The Federal Reserve also stressed that an important reason behind the proposals was to create a uniform system of accounting Mr McCouch argued, however, that the regulators were unjustified in treating country

credits more vigorously than domestic loans.
The reschedulings of the past 18 months have been unusual. but considering the excellent history of the credit quality of foreign loans, the singling out of

sovereign credits for special treatment is not justified, he The regulators had little choice, however. The proposals were required by the Inter-national Lending Supervision Act. which became law on November 30.

The public has until January The difference between the 11 to comment on the pro-ook value of the debt removed posals, which the Fed said it expects to adopt by the end of January. But even if the proposals are changed at that time, they would be retroactive to the fourth quarter of 1983.

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BAT to talk

Talks are expected to begin today between Allianz Versich, rungs of West Germany and BAT Industries in a last-disch attempt to end they deadlor over their competing 675p 1 share takeover bids for East Star, Britain's sixth large insper

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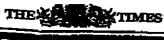
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party enters the Battle for control this week; that will be forced by the City action Panel to fight it out a lan minute auction out Friday.

STOCK EXCHANGES

wondering if they had lost £8m.

Flop of the Year: The Telejector pub video deal, which was intended to provide



FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

1983 Awards for Business and Related Arts

Few would argue that outstanding performance or meritorius achievement, in any walk of life, should go unrecognized. Sportspersons, entertainers, civil servants, contributors to party funds - all are liberally honoured; but unless they come into one or more of these categories. bankers and businessmen, financiers and men who move markets, tend to be overlooked. Yet who can say their contributions to our lives is less worthy than feats on the running track or stunning parts in costly TV advertisements? The Times Awards for Achievement in Business and the Related Arts are designed to fill a gap, indeed several gaps. including the gap between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve. Our panel of judges is made up of two distinguished people. Dame Rosemary Unsworth and Lord Jonathan Davis, and myself.

The principal award, that for Supreme Achievement, was not too difficult. The judges decided quite quickly that the choice lay between Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who became Governor of the Bank of England on July 1st, and Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange. The panel finally came down in favour of Sir Nicholas, as we felt that with the Prime Minister sponsoring him, Mt Leigh-Pemberton probably had less of a struggle. Therefore, for plucking the Stock Exchange out of the fire of the Restrictive Practices Act, the Supreme Award went to Sir Nicholas

The panel also thought it right that a Special Mention should go to the Minister responsible at the time for the fire, Mr Cecil Parkinson, who has already been proved a better prophet of the shape of things to come than anyone in the City



Lord Hanson (left), Capitalist of the Year. Sir Campbell Fraser, for rhetoric.

have been Mr Jeffrey Sterling, who finally rehabilitated Town & City; with a celebratory flourish renamed it Sterling Guarantee Trust; was special adviser to three Cabinet ministers (Mr Partick Jenkin, Mr Cecil Parkinson and Mr Norman Tebbit, whose ear he still has): and was made chairman of P&O in order to save it from Trafalgar House and Cunard. Both he and Mr Nigel Broackes (Trafalgar House) are certain to be strong contenders for the 1984 award, but this year the panel was unanimous; Lord Hanson is Capitalist of the Year. Hanson Trust's £260m takeover of the UDS stores group was an outstanding deal, in any year. The sale for £150m of UDS's unwanted businesses almost covers the £170m bid Hanson has made for London

The Poisoned Chalice went to the Midland Bank, whose expensive acquisition of the Crocker Bank in California proved more costly than anyone had feared when it was revealed in December that Crocker had moved into the red. The omens were not propitious when earlier in the year the (unrelated) First National Bank of Midland, a 93-year-old Texas bank, became the second largest failure in American banking history. The panel was convinced however that the Poisoned Chalice would not remain on the

Midland's sideboard for more than a year. Competition for the minor awards was fierce and the panel had great difficulty in selecting from several outstanding entries in each category. After hours of discussion

and argument, the judges were agreed. Rhetorician of the Year: Sir Campbell Fraser, president of the Confederation of British Industry, whose own company, Dunlop, signally failed to set an example to the rest of industry and, at year end, was struggling even to stay British.

The Golden Handshake: This award naturally attracted a strong entry, with such outstanding claimants as Mr William Fieldhouse (Carrington-Viyella) and Mr Jack Gill, whose £750,000 from Lord Grade's old Associated Communications Corporation, still qualified him for this year's award as the final sum is not yet settled. The winner however, by a neck, is Sir John Mayhew-Sanders, who received £180,000 but wanted more when he resigned from John Brown - on the very day this once famous engineering company confirmed that it has made losses totalling £26.7m.

The Most Lamented Departure of the Year is Lord Cockfield's from the Department of Trade where his consistently inconsistent rulings on takeovers and mergers are sadly missed. Runner up is Sir Peter Green, whose spell as chairman of Lloyd's gave "names", the Bank of England, the Inland Revenue and the public at large, their first real insight into the profitable workings of the world's

Scientist of the Year: Mr Keith Hunt, the portly Warwick commodity broker who disappeared suddenly in April leaving investors who backed his sophisticated scientific analysis of commodity markets



Robin Leigh-Pemberton (left), runner-up Achiever Sir Nicholas Supreme Goodison.

exclusive in situ saloon bar coverage of Football League matches for the nation's pubgoers, but failed get off the ground, sending shares of London and Liverpool Trust, Telejector's operators, tumbling from a peak of £3.50 to just 24p. Runner up: The Nimslo camera, the 3D technological miracle that signally failed to

impress photographers. Misjudgment of the Year: the decision by Sir Denis Mountain, chairman of Eagle Star, to recommend acceptance of BAT Industries' 575p a share offer only days after he rejected, correctly, a rival bid from

Allianz as "derisory". Silver Lining Award: This also goes to Sir Denis Mountain, whose acceptance of the first BAT bid failed to prevent Eagle Star receiving two rival bids of 675p, with the market expecting still more. Sir Denis's own shareholding has risen in worth from £2.01m to £3.07m in just two months.

The Take over Artistry Award: Mr Owen Green, whose company BTR's audacious £6.50m bid for Thomas Tilling was brilliantly judged and executed. For its part in this campaign, Morgan, Grenfell is Merchant Bank of the Year.

The Most Original Takeover Tactic Award went, unanimously to, Mr Graham Llewellyn, former chief executive of Sotheby's who threatens to blow his brains out if the unwanted bid from the American carpetbaggers Messrs. Cogan a Swid or "Bubble and Squeak" as Christie's called them, succeeded. The panel decided to overlook the fact that Mr Llewellyn

admitted later. "I was only bluffing'.
The award for The Most Expensive Business Lunch goes to Mr Ernest Potter, finance director of Cable & Wireless, whose eve-of-the-issue lunch with brokers Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee was widely credited with the unexpected flop of the Government's £275m Cable & Wireless share sale in November. The wine and cigars alone, probably cost the Treasury that is the taxpayers, up to £25m of the

anticipated proceeds. The Easiest Money Award goes to Mr John Aspinall and Sir James Goldsmith, whose highly profitable casino Aspinall's Club lifted more than £12m profit from a handful of rich foreign gamblers and offered stags their safest bet for years when shares in the club were offered on the

The runner up who as a consolation receiver a special Self-denying Ordinance Award: Mr Stanley Grinstead of Grand Metropolitan, which had to take five times as much in bets from its casino patrons to make three times as much money as Aspinall's and yet nobly and successfully argued before the Monopolies Commission that any increase in Grand Metropolitan's influence over the casino world would be against the public interest.



Sir Denis Mountain (left) takes two honours. Science award for Keith Hunt.

The Misplaced Optimism Award: goes to Mr George Helsby, chairman of Burnett & Hallamshire, who predicted "further substantial growth" in his chairman's statement in June. Three months later, Mr Helsby retired through ill health. The company's interim profits were halved and the share price dropped from a peak of 435p this year to 135p. of 435p this year to 135p.

The Miracle Award goes to Mr Robert Maxwell for taking Oxford United into the Quarter finals of the Milk Cup and raising the British Printing Corporation, now BPCC, from the dead.

The judges were left with just two more awards. The Saying of the Year, especially as this award was sponsored by the Fleet Street branch of the Society of Builders (SOB) finally went to Lord Matthews for: My views on the importance of honouring agreements are well known.'

The Non-Event of the Year resulted in a triple tie: The panel found it impossible to distinguish between the International Banking Crisis, the collapse of Opec and a takeover bid for either Tricentrol or

Burmah. The judges' decisions are final and they regret they cannot enter into correspondence on the awards.

Takeover Panel working on simplified rulebook

Takeover Panel, says it is planning to simplify its relabook next year. In an interview with The Times Mr Hignett said that work has started on simplifying the 81-page rule-

He said that a reworked rulebook, setting out the City's code on takeovers and mergers, vili contain an easy-to-understand index and explanatory paragraphs at the beginning of the section which deals with the

41 rules.
Mr Hignett, who returns to
Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, as a managing director of the corporate finance department after 2½ years with the panel, also promised that there vill be some amplification in the panel's next annual report of its view on consortium bidding. This follows the controversy

US lender

to open

UK office

By Our Financial Staff

America, the largest savings and

oan association in the United

States, is setting up a London

office to sell its own certificates

of deposit to European inves-

Savings and loan associations

re broadly similar to British

Financial Corporation will

use the London office as another way of funding its own

mortgage lending on residential property in the United States.

But it hopes eventually to

establish a European market in

secondary mortgages of the type that exists in the United States.

In the United States, Mort-

gages can be sold as tradeable

securities. As mortgages have a

known life, yield and good asset backing, they have been snapped up by the big pension

Britain but Financial Corpor-

ation, whose shares are quoted

on the London stock market,

hopes to introduce one in a few

years. The new market will have

to be in US mortgages to begin with because British building societies would find it excep-

tionally difficult to sell on their

own morigages.

Financial Corporation

cently sold \$2.6 billion (£1.75 billion) worth of mortgages in

the United States to improve its

liquidity, thus setting a record

WALL STREET

Recovery

hopes

lift Dow

(New York (AP-Dow Jones)

Stocks were sharply higher in early trading yesterday as market watchers saw the beginning of a year-end rally that could last into 1984. Trading

The Dow Jones industrial

average rose nearly eight points to over 1,258. Advancing issues

were 7-to-4 ahead of declines.

"This week is traditionally a good week for the market" according to Mr Malcolm Wilson, vice president and director of equity research for the Provident National Bank

the Provident National Bank.

"The flash economic figures last week indicated that the econ-

omy is slowing to a level the

"We feel the weakening in the

market has reached an end.

changed at 371/2 and Mattel was

up 1/2 at 5/2. Penn Central said it

would exercise its option to buy 52 per cent of Solid State from

Mattel at \$6.11 a share and

would seek to buy remaining

shares for the smae proce in a

Among gaining issues, Colece rose one to 21% to 127 and Motorola one to 134/2.

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Mr John Hignett, outgoing over the bid by Mr Michael rector general of the City Ashcroft, chairman of Hawley Group, for Cope Allman, the packaging and leisure company. The panel allowed Mr Ashcroft to proceed with a tender offer for Cope to give him 29 per cent of the shares even though he had previously acted in concert with Mr David Wickins, chairman of British Car Auctions. who held 13 per cent of Cope's

Critics feared that Mr Ashcritics reared that Mr Asia-crift would effectively control 42 per cent of Cope if the tender offer succeeded despite a panel assurance that no concert party

Mr Hignett said that the panel took the view that each allegation that a concert party existed should be investigated separately. He said that it would be wrong for the panel to set an arbitrary time limit during which a concert party is

Mr Tom Whyte, who rose to prominence in the City in the early 1970s, has decided to pull out of the US property deal which was to have helped Thames Investment & Securi-

Thames Investment & Se-

curities was one of the first

companies to join the Unlisted

Yesterday Mr Whyte gave no reason for refusing to go through with the agreement signed in October to take over

Thames Investment's part in a

Thames recently announced

near £5m loss and a big

boardroom shake-up after ex-

periencing difficulties with the \$20m (£13m) Miami deal.

Thames became involved in

the venture at the beginning of

the year when it entered into an

development

ties out of its difficulties.

Securities Market.

Miami, Florida.

assumed to exist after a bid has He said that the concert party might break up the next day, or the next year. But the onus must be on members of the

consortium to prove that it no

Mr Hignett said that his successor, Mr Timothy Barker, aged 43, a senior member of the corporate finance team at Kleinwort, Benson, had a challenging year ahead. Next year Mr Hignett predicts that there will be more Americanstyle arbitraging in bid situ-

Mr Barker will continue the work which Mr Hignett began in combining the roles of director general of the Takeover Panel and of the new Council point in early trading the for the Securities Industrie, which is intended to become the 9,901.45.

Financier quits property deal

By Jeremy Warner

agreement with City National Bank of Miami to buy the property to develop it with a

But the joint partner refused to go ahead with the develop-ment leaving Thames unable to meet the \$20m obligation to

City National on its own. It was at this stage that Mr Whyte was

tual obligation on Mr Whyte to take over the development is

now not get back the \$650,000

of deposits and costs already

ultimate watchdog of City affairs.

Early next year the council must act on the findings of the Gower Report on investor protection. Negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry over the implemen-tation of EEC directives on Stock Exchange affairs are also at an advanced stage.

The reelection of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone as Japan's Prime Minister followed by the quick formation of a new government pushed share prices on the Tokyo stock market to a record high for the second day running yesterday, according to dealers in Tokyo. The market added 37.37 points to reach a record close of 9,883,94 after rising 141.72 the previous day. At one

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the financial position of the company which recently ap-pointed Touche Ross, a leading brought in to allow Thames to withdraw from the obligation accountancy firm, to examine and all related professional fees. its position. But it does mean Whether there is a contracthat sizeable clawbacks on

unclear. The reasons for backing out will be released shortly, Whyte was interlinked with a Mr Whyte said yesterday. deal under which the former chief executive of Thames, Mr Thames has already written off its financial exposure to the Joseph Benjamin, was given Miami development. However, Mr Whyte's withdrawal appears rights to a fifth of the venture's to mean that the company will

interest in the Miami venture would appear to be jeopardized

NEWS IN BRIEF

ECGD set

to back

China loan

Formal negotiations between

the British company and the

Chinese authorities are sched-uled to start on March 15,

where the station is to be built.

The order to GEC, as supplier of turbines and gener-

ators and prime contractors for

the British part of the plant work could double GEC's own previous best when it secured a

£500m order for the Castle Peak

B power station in neighbouring

Hongkong three years ago.
The plant, at Daya Bay, will cost a total of £3.1 billion, with

the French group Framatone

Full details of the British

financial package will not be known until the GEC talks are

complete but a framework has

been almost completed by J. Henry Schroder Wagg, the company's merchant bank ad-

visers.
Although Britain's Export
Credits Guarantee Department

is expected to ensure the £1

billion buyer credit, the Bank of China is thought ready to act as

● A. "huge" coal deposit has

been discovered in Indonesia.

according to the Korean Mining

Promotion Corporation which said yesterday that the "high

quality soft coal" deposit, estimated at 683 million tons, had been found in the Pasir field in Kalimantan. The

reserves are worth an estimated \$11.3 billion at the current

sources Development Corporation, a consortium of four

groups, would begin mining the

market price (£7.8m).
The Korea-Indonesia

coal in 1986.

a guarantor for the loan.

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Britain is preparing to

Trade mark delays worry retailers

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Threatened delays on extend- would only extend protection ing trade mark protection to the where there is complementary service sector could mean heavy legal bills for retailers which could have been avoided.

The Retail Consortium, which represents more than 90 far the services sector is at risk, It is also pressing

Government to change legislation quickly to avoid anomalies under prospective EEC changes; and to strengthen administration of trade marks to tackle a backlog on existing

The Trade Marks Act 1938 allows only for registration of names for goods. It means services, typically a shop name, can only invoke common law protection by taking to court anybody adopting the same or similar name. This can be disproportionately ... costly. disproportionately costly. Because there is no registration

of service marks it is difficult to check on their use by others. EEC regulations on trademark protection, now planned,

legislation in a member country.

A private Member's Bill introduced by Mr Stephen Dorrell, Conservative MP for per cent of Britain's traders, is Loughborough, aims to extend carrying out a survey to see how the 1938 Act's protection to service marks. It has just had its second reading in the Commons but it is queueing for committee stage time

Although the Government has indicated its support in principle for extending the scope of the existing Act, the consortium has been warned that a heavy backlog of registrations could mean a delay until 1987 before the service sector could be brought within

the scope of the Act. But the consortium argues that additional staff in the trade marks administration could be taken on without affecting spending ceilings. It says fees charged for registration could make staff expansion self-fund-

Shoe industry increases workforce by 3%

By Our Commercial Editor

over six months as the recovery in sales has continued, according to the latest survey of the industry's trends by the British Footwear Manufacturers' Federation.

General Motors was up ½ at 74 ½ Eastman Kodak Rose ½ to But the survey adds that imports are increasing at a 74 % Eastman Rouse Rose 2 to 76 % IBM was up 4 to 1244 and Teledyne climbed % to 162. Solid State Scientific fell 1% to 7. Penn Central was ungreater rate than improvement in British manufacturers' deliveries to the trade. There are also signs of an increase in cost of raw materials

which could signal price increases in the shops after showing only marginal rises so far this year. The survey says that 600 jobs were created in September and

there was an overall increase in jobs of 1,500 since last jobs of February.

The number of jobs in wear manufacturing now total footwear manufacturing has 52,300. A fifth of whom are now working overtime.

British shoemakers' deliveries are still at last year's levels but volume orders were up 1.4 per cent in October, with an overall five-month improvement of 7.2 per cent. Imports in October were up 7.7 per cent in volume although the fivemonth improvement at 2.6 per

Italy, the biggest exporter, has shown a marginal decline during the first 10 months of the year but among other big exporters, Taiwan has registered a 60 per cent increase. Values of imports have risen sharply because more leather-uppered footwear is now coming in. This

could be a threat to the British manufacturers whose strongest Employees in British foot- sector is more up-market.

Shadow of divorce stalks Italians' US link Is Olivetti the marrying kind? From John Earle, Rome

The divorce rate between nor Carlo de Benedetti, made Italian companies and multina-tionals has always been high.

Will American Telephone and Telegraph's \$260m (£175m) been carefully thought out. A T purchase of a 25 per cent stake in Olivetti be the one to stay the

The British will remember how the partnerships broke up between Dunlop and Pirelli, and before that, Shell and Montecatini. Among other failures have been the links between Citroen and Fiat, and Occidental Petroleum and ENI's chemical sector:

Until recently, Olivetti itself as 33 per cent owned by Saint Gobain, but this link was cut after the French group was nationalized.

and T has promised to allow Italian control and to respect Olivetti's European identity, even though its shoreholding is as large as that of the Italian controlling shareholders' syndi-cate. This consists of CIR, Signor de Benedetti's holding company, in a dominant pos-tition, together with the public sector finance houses IMI, Mediobanca and Crediop, plus Pirelli. A T and T has six in the 21-member board, while Signor

of any American Manager. As Olivetti's chairman, Sig- their 25 per cent stake for the office products,

de Benedetti can veto the entry

first four years. After that, a divorce could be possible. Assuming the partnership goes ahead, however, the Americans are at liberty to increase their stake to 40 per cent in the following five years. The tenth year will probably

be the key year. Few can foretell what the pace of change will have been in the field of office electronics by then. But Signor de Benedetti, aged 49, has given an assurance to stay with Olivetti for 10 years.

When he entered, it was an ailing company which had failed to digest properly an earlier American acquisition, Underwood Typewriters. Now it claims eighth place on world The Americans are limited to markets of data procession and

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BOARD MEETINGS

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and 62 in 1982. This year, the unfounded, although the real number of entrants has hit 88 test will come when the Stock and the queue for 1984 is Exchange becomes embroiled in a raging bear market. However, the market had had

taking the step to a full listing its casualties. Hesketh, the stands at 17 and five more motorcycle manufacturer; companies were taken out by Euroflame, I.O. Technology; bids. Fears that the high risk and American Communications, reward ratio of the USM would all went under. But, by and

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panies and develop them as the first step to a full quote. continue. Tops's nearest rival is metal basher Parkfield Founde-

second tier to its existing system catering for companies too small to apply for a full listing, but in need of capital investment. It also served to head off the growing number of such companies joining the growing ranks of licensed dealers.

Some of the greenfield com-panies, which joined the USM naturally, have caused controversy. Nimsle, the 3-D camera group, has seen its share price hit the giddy heights of 275p, only to see it now languish at

23p.

Bio-Isolates has also had its. fair share of critics. The shares which were placed at 33p in July last year, hit a high of 425p earlier this year as investors imagination was fired with prospects for its process of turning dairy waste into pro-tein. This was despite the fact that the group had never made a penny profit. But with the sudden realization that the expectations had been overdone the price collapsed overnight and after hitting a low of 63p. were last week trading at around 98p. This resulted in a call for stricter selection of newcomers. But there have been some Datastream has calculated the

leaders and laggards for 1983. The best performance of last year goes to Tops Estates, the property company, which joined the market in January. Broker Quilter Goodison placed 415,000 shares at 10%p and has watched as the shares closed on Friday at 80p - a rise of 662 per cent. At this level the entire company is valued at £4m.

Admittedly, stock shortages are responsible for many of the big gains achieved on the USM and until the Stock Exchange raises the minimum amount of equity to be offered above 10

The Stock Exchange was ries which despite a rights in quick to realize the need for a August, has seen the shares leap 521 per cent this year to 49p, at which level the group capitalized at £2.45m.

> Therte is also a strong representation from some of the smaller oil exploration outfits Bula Resources, currently gaining fame in the Irish Sea, saw its shares improve 413 per cent to a high of 41p, while Saxon Oil managed a 352 per cent gain to 248p this year.

> Of the worst performing shares of 1983 the title goes to Breville Europe, the toasted snack machine manufacture. The 8.3 million shares placed by broker Fielding Newsom-Smith at 90p ended the year compared with a price of 111p on January i - a fall of 72 per cent.

Big is not always beautiful as far as the USM is concerned Acorn Computers the BBC home computer group, became the largest company to be quoted on the USM in September after a tender of 10 per cent of the equity (11.23 million shares) by merchant banker Lazards and broker Cazenove The shares offered at a minimum tender price of 120p failed to attract support and after being struck at the minimum price hit a low of 103p.

There was criticsm that the ue had been over-priced and that the group's contract to use the BBC name on its computers might not be renewed. The BBC microcomputers accounts for 95 per cent of Acorn's pusiness and four other companies have now made it clear they will be applying for the contract when it comes up for renewal next August. On Friday, shares of Acom were unchanged at 121p - just 1p above the opening level in September.

Michael Clark **USM LAGGARDS FOR 1983**

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American notebook

Fed's freeze stays despite slow growth

Uncertainty about the course of the United States economy next year has not bee resolved by the publication of the fourth quarter national income statistics, which showed a marked slowdown in the rate of growth of the economy.

of the ecusion.

After rising at an annual rate
of over 9 per cent in the second quarter and over 7½ percent in the third quarter, the "real" gross national product rose at an annual rate of only 4.5 per cent in the fourth quarter.

This estimate gave much comfort to the monetarist economists who have been predicting that the Federal Reserve's freeze on banks' reserves – in operation since April – would stifle the

It was quickly pointed out by supporters of the Fed's policies that much of the deceleration in fourth quarter economic growth was due to the yawning gap in the United States overseas trade balance, reflected in a very low figure for net exports in the GNP estimates. The Commerce Department also reported, however, that in the fourth quarter a slowdown in the grawth of real consumption spending contributed to the

overall drop in growth. What seems clear is that the Federal Reserve officials were entirely unmoved by the an-nouncement, despite another public plea from the United States Treasury – this from the Secretary of the Treasury Mr Donald Regan – for a more relaxed Federal Reserve policy.

Last Friday the Federal Reserve reported that money MJ fell \$2 billion to \$520.7 billion, a level merely 1.2 per cent greater than in the week of June 14, six months previously. The Federal Reserve also reported that the banks' ad-

justed reserves in the week of

the same level as in the second week of April. Thus, the Fed's restrictive policy is very much in place.

The financial markets have been less than delighted by the prolonged operation of this policy. Bond futures bid fair to end the year at a level represented by about 70 for the March 1984 T-bond contract. This contract peaked in 1983 at 78 in early May. Similarly, the

S and P futures have been very

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When the issue of the future course of Federal Reserve policy is raised with Wall Street analysts, the view is almost invariably expressed. that President Reagan will no doubt soon take the opportunity to tell Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that the central bank must ensure that monet-ary conditions do not halt the economy's forward progress to a point where the Republican Party's reelection chances are jeopardîzed.

President Reagan did appoint Mr Preston Martin to the position of Vice-Chariman of the Fed. However, Mr Martin has proved to be a supporter of traditional Federal Reserve policies

Even recognizing these er rors in the President's handling of the central bank, most Wall Street analysis cling to the belief that there will be a switch in Fed policy soon and that this will bring about a sharp reduction of US interest rates, a sharp drop in the dollar and a rally in the financial markets.

is uo indication whatever from the Federal Reserve that such a policy change is in the works.

Maxwell Newton

USM LEADERS FOR 1983					
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casts are frequently upset by Congress and by unexpected turns in the economy, but they are useful guides to an adminis-

4.5% growth in US

Budget forecast assumes

Washington (NYT) -, Presi- tration's budget and dent Reagan's next budget, for the 1985 fiscal year, will assume The new strong 4.5 per cent growth of the economy next year, slightly higher inflation and slightly lower interest rates, the Administration said.

Unspecified, but implied in the figures, are sharp reductions in projected federal budget deficits, which is now running at about \$200 billion £140 billion a year. Analysts said the figures assumed large tax-increases in 1985 or 1986. which President Reagan has been resisting, and new reductions in government spendоррозе.

Mr Martin Feldstein, chair man of the President's council of economic advisers described the forecast as prudent and in. line with history. But he said the calculations were conditional upon an end to the fiscal stalemate.

White House economic fore-

The new forecast includes assumptions until 1989. I assumes the economy will grow by 4.5 per cent from the fourth quarter of this year to the fourth quarter of 1984, and by 4 per cent a year thereafter until 1988

The unemployment rate which was 8.2 per cent last month, would average 7.8 per cent next year, ending the year at 7.7 per cent, and dropping steadily-thereafter, to 5.7 per cent in 1989.

The figures show an inflation rate, based on the price dellator in the gross national product, or per cent from the fourth quarter of this year to the fourth quarter next year. It would then fall slowly to 3.5 per cent by the end of 1989. In the presen quarter, the GNP dellator which takes into account changes in patterns of consumption, is expected to be 4 per

Interest rates, according to Mr Feldstein, would decline even faster than the inflation rate, resulting in a reduction of the real interest rate, or the difference between the deflator and nominal interest rates.

Promotion at Rothmans

Rothmans International: Mr Leslie Sarl will retire as company secretary on Saturday He will be succeeded by Mr Jeremy Campbell, who joined Rothmans in 1981 as assistant

J Bibby & Sons: Mr Leslie Young is to relinquish his position as chief executive on July 1, but will continue as chairman. Mr Peter Wood, managing director of the agri-cultural group, will succeed Mr Young as chief executive. Mr lan Smith, chief executive of the feeds and seeds division, will succeed Mr Wood as managing director of the agri-cultural group, but will retain his responsibilities for the feeds

and seeds division. Fitch & Company: Mr Rod-ney Fitch (executive deputy **APPOINTMENTS**

chairman) and Mr Crispin Tweddell (development director) are to be joint managing directors. Mr Ron Baker is to resign as managing director, but will remain a non-executive director and act as consultant to the group. Mr Ian Cochrane (finance director) will assume on responsibility for production and administration.

Danks Gowerton: Mr David Watson has been appointed watson has been appointed chief executive.

The Wine Development Board: Mr John Mostyn, a director of Harveys of Bristol and chairman of Cockburn

Smithers, has become a director. He is also president of the Wine and Spirit Association.

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US bank paid £330m from Iran In turn, the Bank of America has paid \$289.1m to Iran's central bank in settlement of the country's claims against it. This was primarily for interest blocked on Iranian accounts after the takeover of the United negotiations on this - The Bank of America has received \$472m (about £331m) in a settlement of Iranian loans ing matter."
Financially, he said, "it will have a negligible effect on any nade before United States profit or loss statement" since this money was in escrow and all of the settlement comes from money already faid out.

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citizens were taken hostage by Iran more than four years ago. The United States Treasury said it was the largest agreement since an escrow account was set This means the net gain to Bank of America which is based up to handle private and government claims against Iran after the hostages were released in January, 1981. An escrow account is established by a person, or company, in the

name of another. The bank received its payment from the \$1.42 billion escrow account established in the Bank of England.

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in San Francisco and is the largest United States commercial bank by deposits was about \$182.9m. Mr Ray Toman, a Bank of

America spokesman, a said the settlement "frees us of the time, the thought and, to a certain degree, the legal expense that has gone into the protracted

Swiss bankers expect recovery in gold price

past three years, but Swiss bankers forecast a gradual recovery in its price, in the second half of next year.

Gold surged to a peak of more than \$850 per ounce in a few weeks of 1980, bringing fortunes overnight to speculators and reinforcing a long-

lators and reinforcing a long-standing belief that you cannot lose money with gold. But few investments have fared worse since. Not only does gold earn no interest or dividends, but those who bought is in the 1980 peak period have seen the value of their holdings more than

halved. In London gold is about \$379.50 an ounce - a price little changed, while the dollar's value has soared.

Most of the Swiss bankers who trade in Zurich, one of the world's most important gold markets, believe the worst may soon be over for the metal Mr Mathis Cabiallavetta, of

Union Bank of Switzerland.

said: "The danger of a slump is now very slight, the present trading range at about \$380 may

Swiss Bank Corporation, forecast "a powerful recovery in the gold price in the coming year. There is a return of confidence because inflation is expected to accelerate again soon reviving gold's attraction as a hedge against paper money's loss of value.

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The phosts of Featherstone past

the ghosts of Featherstone pass were thoroughly exorcized from the Boulevard before a crowd of 11,000 at Hull yesterday. Inspired by a brilliant display of running by their New Zealand centre, Leuluai, and by the promptings of the Australian scrum half, Sterling, Hull ran in seven tries in a 37-4 win.

lt was a performance that did much to erase the sull-bitter memories of defeat at Wembley and in the John Player Trophy, and Leuluai showed scorching pace and his backing-up skills to score four tries and take the man of the match just ahead of the industrious Sterling. Rovers rarely competed with the

Rovers rarely competed with the fire and spirit that brought them their unexpected Challenge Cup win over Hull, and when Evans trotted over the line for the last Hull try without a defender near him, the Rouleured count coined the opportunities.

Boulevard crowd seized the oppor-tunity to chant "easy, easy".

Hudson, the Featherstone master-mind at Wembley, was tackled out of the game and eventually substituted while Hobbs, the match-

unfit and only came on as substitute

Two of the Leuluai tries were great individual efforts, the last one coming from a kick-through and a sprint which completely outpaced the Reatherstone defenders. The other Hull tries came from Sterling

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other Hull tries came from Sterling, who charged down a kick by his fellow Australian, McMahon, and Schofield. Crooks kicked four goals and Divorty dropped a goal. The teams meet again in the return league game next Monday, and Rovers followers will look for a much more competitive performance from their team.

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game with the Second Division leaders Sheffield Wednesday Wednesday prevented serious trouble. made to
A Sheffield councillor, Clive the gate. First division (0) 2 LEICESTER 33,664 LUTON 16.343 MAN UTO Crooks, Moran 41,544 (0) 0 WEST HAM

Bonnie Prince Charming adds a fairy-tale footnote to the old year

Christmas is no bad time for the belief that "everything comes to him who waits" to be Unfortunately for Wolverhampton, only Watford of the teams above them failed to pick up at least one point, and Notis County and Leicester's interproved true and 18 minutes from the end of his penultimate opportunity to do so in 1983 Charlie Nicholas scored the goal the Highbury faithful have been ventions in the championship awaiting since August. race should give them both considerable heart as they took That it was a somewhat unsatisfactory affair, coming from the penalty spot after Blake had wrestled down point apiece from Old

Meade, made no difference to

their appreciation of the event. Whether the goal, which carned

Arsenal a point against Bir-mingham, will be equally

rewarding for Don Howe, is

another matter, for much of the

preceding 71 minutes were dire

enough to provoke the thought

that Boxing Day's result would

not be the first time Arsenal had

seen a false dawn at Tottenham

The swirling wind forbade

severe criticism but it inhibited

Birmingham, who had lost their

previous six League games, considerably less than Arsenal.

and it was only the wastefulness

of Harford, who saw the two excellent chances go begging before he laid on Hopkins's

goal, which prevented Birming-ham bringing Arsenal down to

If the Highbury crowd were

ecstatic at the sight of one goal from their favourite, Wolver-hampton's dwindling band also received a seasonal gift, the club

notching their first home win

since April by beating Everton

3-0 with goals from Crainie.

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idle, the win enabled Wolver-

hampion to cut the gap between

them to five points, and they

are now only eight points behind Birmingham in nine-

teenth position, a small enough

deficit in these days of three points for a win to give them

earth with a nasty bump.

Trafford and Anfield. Possibly the Old Trafford crowd were kept down to an

Referee throws book at the wall

Nine Notts County players were booked yesterday by the Wirral referee, Derek Owen, in the 3-3 draw at Manchester United. The only two to escape were Harkouk and Fashanu and the County manager. Jimmy Sirrell, said: "The referee is the sole arbiter and, like it or not, we must abide by his decisions, if we don't we are in trouble and that is exactly what

McDonagh and Kilcline were poked in the first half and when L'nited were awarded a seventieth minute free kick and refused to retreat, Mr Owen booked the entire defensive wall of seven, comprising Goodwin, Worthington, Richards, Hunt. O'Neill, Christie and Chiedo-

average 41.544 - still the best by far on the day as gates fell by nearly 100,000 on the Boxing lion over the two days - by memories of last year's disappointing holiday period.

If so, the fears of the missing thousands were realized as United threw away a 3-1 lead. Notts County a share of the points. It would be wrong to

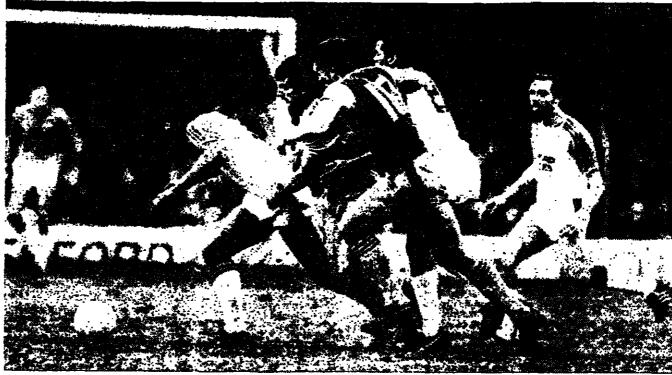
something to look forward to in the New Year. have been generous to a fault for much of the season, and their collective failings were

United, for the Leicester goal-keeper Mark Wallington's penalty save from Souness two minutes from time prevented Liverpool increasing the gap at the top. Had it gone in it would have been a cruel ending for Leicester, who continued their tradition of making life difficult for Liverpool.

The visitors were two goals ahead with 20 minutes remaining. Smith and Banks stilling the Kop, but Lee pulled one back immediately after Bank's effort, and then Rush equalized with his twenty-first goal of the season seven minutes from

lime.
In the lower divisions the leading teams are also finding the holiday a testing time. Sheffield Wednesday, the second division leaders fell to their second defeat in 24 hours Middlesbrough inflicting their first home defeat of the season with goals by Sugrue and a penalty by Currie, Newcastle fared little better,

after their draw with Blackburn on Boxing Day, by falling to rampant Carlisle after leading 1-0. A penalty by Shoulder against his old club proved the Day total although they comfortably exceeded one million over the two days victory in a game spoilt by a solitary hooligan attacking the Newcastle goalkeeper, Thomas. It took six policemen to restrain



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Five minds, one thought: from left, Hill, Devonshire, Brooking, Stein and Horton. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Afternoon of crackle and crunch

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Luton Town. West Ham U ...

The music accompanying these two sides, who are accustomed to attacking with a flowing flourish, should be a sweet melody played on violins. But yesterday the tune began with a roll of drums and ended with a clash of cymbals. Strength rather than skill was, disappointingly, the dominant

There was no evidence of a Christmas hangover no shortage of commitment. Tackles crackled and challenges crunched. Aylott, after struggling with an ankle injury for half an hour, was forced eventually to hobble away, and Brush and Stephens received lengthy attention before deciding to limp on.

Although Orr was booked for chasing Thomas for fully 50 yards and felling him, there was no

Dixon fails

to copy the

old master

bruising affair.

West Ham United, under pressure more often than not, won it with scrambled goal typical of the itidy afternoon a dozen minutes from the end. Cottee, in for the suspended Swindlehurst, led a counter-attack, released Devonshire ive vards out to volley in Whitton's downward header.

The victory ends West Ham's disappointing recent run and lifts them into fourth place behind Southampton. The defeat continues Luton Town's disappointing recent run at home (they have collected only four points out of a possible 15 at Kenilworth Road since the middle of October) and dropped

apparent malicious intent. Yet even the ball suffered from the lierce treatment and had to be replaced. It seemed poignant also that the sky, turning a rich black and purple, came out in sympathy during the history. Almost all of them were the dusk of their shire, at the dusk of their line and Stein, at the dawn of theirs. Elliott, too, was impressive, encoupaged for the history troubled only by a Stein provided by Brooking and Devontational careers, and by Walsh and Stein, at the dawn of theirs. Elliott, too, was impressive, encoupaged for the history troubled only by a Stein provided by Brooking and Devontational careers, and by Walsh and Stein, at the dawn of theirs. ragingly so: he is a combination of the rare characteristics of being young, English and a central defender.

Yet most of the game lay hidden beneath a heavy blanket of competitive determination. As Luton's pitch, a brown and green pocket handkerchief in comparison with most of the other first division arenas, offers little enough play room as it is, the relatively few moments of danger were rendered all the more memorable.

It seemed appropriate that West Ham's opening threat after 25 minutes should be provided by an opponent. After Whitton had threaded his way diagonally through Luton's defence and crossed to the far post, Stephens clipped his own bar with an unintentionally fierce

Brooking centre.

Luton were let down principally by their own aim. Parkes was genuinely troubled only by a Stein free kick in the first half and a Stephens drive near the end. Perhaps it was as well for West Ham's goalkeeper. Suffering from a stomach complaint, he has been heat in irrelation annual from his

 Peter Barnes, the England winger, could be leaving Leeds United in May. Eddie Gray. Leeds' player-manager said vesterday that Barnes had told him he would not

Challengers lose out on points

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic... Dundee United.... It was a frustating afternoon for Cettle and Dundee United, perhaps now the only challengers to Aberdeen for the premier division itles. Both were desperate at Parkhead yesterday for full points to keep them in touch at the top with the leaders, who are sailing so briskly ahead.

Both had periods in which they looked as though victory would be theirs. In the end they had to be satisfied with a draw, a disappointing result for each and the best pleased, therefore, are Aberdeen, who are four points ahead of Celtic

The home supporters, too, were unhappy, believing a penalty award to United which brought the cqualizer was dubious, to say the least. But for the neutral it was an exciting afternoon, a fiercely contested match which never flagged and although four players were booked - three for Celtic and one for United - it was always more exhilatrating than unsporting.

Indeed, as soon as the referee signalled the start the game turned into an old-fashioned cup-tie, a trial of strength in an incessant downpour. If there were few glimpses of the splendidly-constructed football for which the rivals, second and third respectively in the league placings, are noted, the crowd of 25,987 could not complain about lack of entertainment.

The first half in particular was a

swinging joust, with fiery tackles and tempers at flashpoint. Attacks mounted with the fervour of clan mounted with the lervour of cian raids. If United had slipped recently from that height of form which earned them a championship last season, ti was obvious that their slump had not been caused by lack of resolution because they matched Celtic in will power, edeavour and

stamina.

It was to United that the best chance fell, a cute slip from Milne to Sturrock presenting the international attacker an opportunity of which modern forwards dream. But Sturrock, who was playing his first full league game of the season following injury, lacked his usual dash and the opportunity vanished. Celtic, even if they were without almost a platoon of regulars who were missing because of injury and suspension, took the initiative. With McStay masterminding moves which, if lacking traditional Celtic subtlety, were much more rhythmichance fell, a cute slip from Milne to subtlety, were much more rhythmi-cal than that of United, the home team should have gone ahead long before they took the lead just on the

halftime whistle.

All scorned chances were forgiven when McClair tapped the ball over the line after Colguboun had baffled the United defence and crossed neatly. There was, however, little joy for Celtic in the second half While a penalty may have been a harsh decision when Coyne apeared more to stumble than be pushed in the area, the referee had no hesitation in giving the award and Bannon took advantage to level the scores from the spot. Celtic of course hit back; they always do. But this time it was too late, the United defence in no mood to give anything away and so the game ended with the right result, but not the result to please the respective managers.

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Head of the River?

Buenos Aires, (AFP) - The historic Argentine club, River Plate, have intensified their search for a new manager after their worst season in the first division. They finished last but one but avoided relegation because this is decided over two seasons. Luis Cubilla, of Uruguay, and an Argentine, Hugo-Santilli, are the leading aspriants for the post from which Jorge Dominichi was dismissed.

ance from their team. Warrington remain handily tucked in just below the top four after their 34-18 win over Leigh in an exciting and eventful derby game at Wilderspook; Leigh's defeat pushed them blow the reviving Leeds in the middle of the table. FIRST DIVISION: Hull 37, Featherstons Re 4; Warrington 34, Leigh 18.

HOCKEY Yorkshire tumble

By Joyce Whitehead

Yorkshire, the leaders, suffered a setback, losing 1-0 yesterday to Cheshire when the woman's northern territorial matches started on Queen Mary's School ground, Lytham St Annes.

Cheshire built up pressure with good teamwork and Carol Dudley scored the only goal to give Cheshire top place in the table with nine points. Lancashire's goalless draw with Sheffield League left them equal second with Yorkshire on eight points.
Lancashire Central League, the

holders, whow had only five points at the start of the tournament, came back strongly with a 2-0 win over Northumberland to take fourth

Three more territorial tourna rentes begin today. The West start their series at 10.30 am at Cheltenham on the Ladies College ground; Midlands at noon on Pohill College ground, Bedford, and the Fast at 1.30 in the Eurosports Village at Shotley, near Ipswich.
Results: North Lanceshred, Sheffield League
D: Manchester League 2, Cumberland 0;
Cheshire 1. Yorkshire 0; Duhlam 3,
Westmoreland 0; Lanceshire Central League 2,
Northumberland 0.

TENNIS

Dubious gift for Miss Went Kate Brasher, the No 1 seed, won

6-0, 6-0 against Julie Went, of Avon, on the first day of the Sunsilk Christmas tournament at Queen's Club. There was little Miss Went could do on this occasion, but the experience she gathered from a match against the British No 7 is in

sadly, Linda Geeves, the player seeded to meet Miss Brasher in the final, withdrew yesterday morning, weakened after a virus infection. REBULTS: K Brasher bt J Went 6-0, 6-0; J Davies bt C Bhaguandas 5-7, 6-4, 7-5; P Yates bt T Savyer 6-0, 6-2; D Walker bt F Couldridge 6-3, 6-3-6 Imhori bt A Brasher, 6-2, 7-5.

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AMERICAN POOTBALL: NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off: Los Angele Rema 24, Dalles Cowboys 17. TENNIS

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Snow reports

SCOTLAND
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Wet show. Middle runs: runs amost complete.
Lower slopes: no show. Glenatine. Glenose
and Lecht insufficient snow.

United threw away a 3-1 lead. Manchester City are enjoying two goals from Justin Fashanu the week rather more than their in the last 10 minutes securing neighbours, an

performance at Huddersfield points. It would be wrong to make any reference to Christmas gifts, for United's defence days. Bad match for Botham

> Ian Botham was booked by the referce, Gilbert Napthine, of Loughborough, for a late tackle on Steve Elliott, of Preston North End, when Scunthorpe United lost 5-1 at home yesterday. A minute later Elliott, who scored three times, put Preston ahead.

Preston's second goal, scored by Elliott, was due to a mistake by Botham. He failed to control the ball, allowing Kelly a clear run and the chance to set up the position for Elliott. Houghton and Kelly scored the other Preston goals, and Cammack replied for Scunthorpe late in the

Botham was playing in his second League match in successive days. Scunthorpe lost 1-0 at Hull City on Monday. He has ignored the pleas of the Test and County Cricket Board not to risk injury before England's departure for their tour of New Zealand and Pakistan. The Party are due to leave Gatwick tomorrow.

Brazil's samba of angst

Botham: booking after tackle

By Dennis Shaw

Aston Villa... Tottenham Hotspur0 Twentyfour hours is, indeed, a

long time in football, especially when five potential points evaporate. Two clubs with designs on UEFA Cup places found the post-Christmas rush a most unproduc-Live exercise yesterday.

The teams caught each other on the rebound from Boxing Day defeats, and both dug their heels in so doggedly that there were few favours on offer. But a slow, error-ridden start led

to a distinct acceleration of tempo. and a tinge of desperation. Ultimately, the outcome was a Ultimately, the outcome was a spectable more entertaining than the Both managers could claim that

they should have won, since scoring attempts at each end littered a freneuc second half. The reason neither side achieved the break-through they sought with ever-increasing frenzy was double-edged. Goalkeeping par excellence was the major factor in depriving the game of the goal or three it deserved, but finishing of the "Oh! dear" variety could be blamed

Clemence and Spink shared the GRIMSBY TOWN were accused yesterday of making inadequate arrangements to cope with a large holiday crowd. Police say that only restrained behaviour by the 16,000 supporters who went to Blundell Park for the Boxing Day

plaudits for saves that brought credit to their craft. In contrast, the troubled Brazil was left clutching the booby prize for twice pausing too long after completing the

difficult part. Brazil's anguish was at its height in a barren first half-hour when a mistake by Ormsby and a slick Spurs response left him isolated five yards out. He had the ball at his feet and the bulk of Spink his only obstacle. "When a striker is having a disastrous time, he can try too hard,

the Villa manager, Tony Barton, said. "Brazil let us off twice, missing the best chances of the game. Had Archibald or Falco had his second half opening they would have put it away. It was lucky for us," he added. Clemence then clawed away superbly chipped shots by Withe and Walters, while Spink levelled the account by saving from Roberts

and Stevens.

Vills's most frustrating moment came when Withe whacked an obliquely-angled shot into the net and celebrated prematurely, and celebrated prematurely, unaware of the linesman's flag raised 15 yards back. He was in good company - the referee missed it too, but changed his decision from a goal to a free kick when the linesman stuck to his guns.

Brazil was excused his dual

Betts, who was among the crowd is to complain to the FA, the police and the club over what he described as "appalling arrangements" for the 7,000 plus Wednesday supporters. They were forced to squeeze through two turnstiles – later increased to four after police pressure. Those with tickets were made to queue with those passing at made to queue with those paying at

failure by his manager Keith Burkinshaw. "He would normally have blown the first one in but he had the courage to try again. The second time he did everything right and I give all credit to Ormsby for clearing his shot off the line."

Aston Villa: N Spink: G Williams (sub R Walker), E Deacy, A Evans, B Ormsby, D Moraher, A Curbishley, P Rideout, P Witne, S McMalhon, M Walters.
Tottenhem Hotsput: R Clemence. G O'Reilly, D Thomas, G Roberts, G Stevens, S Perrymen, T Galvins, (sub M Falco), S Archibeld, A Brazil, G Hoddle, C Hughton Referee: R Afford (Bristol).

 A two-match suspension for the Aston Villa centre half, Brendan Ormsby, who has topped 21 disciplinary points, could upset Villa's progress in two cup competitions. Press Association reports. He misses a league game at West Bromwich on January 14, and will be banned from either a possible FA Cup replay with Norwich or the Milk Cup quarter-final at Norwich on January 17.

Gary Williams, the Aston Villa full-back, had eight stitches in a gashed ankle after a tackle by the Tottenham defender, Graham Roberts. He is rated "very doubtful" for the matches at home to Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday and at Southampton in

Lee Chapman, the Arsenal forward, will sign for Sunderland in a £100,000 deal today, subject to a medical. The former Stoke player travelled to Roker Park and watched Sunderland beat West Bromwich Albion 3-0.

"I don't envisage any problems," said Alan Durban, the Sunderland manager. "Chapman telephoned me and he wants to come." ESTERDAY'S RESULTS, SCORERS AND TABLES Third division

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r ist arvision Nottingham Forest v Coventry (7.30) -Second division Blackburn v Barnsley (7.30) Cambridge United v Grimsby (7.30)

RUGBY LREON: Leiceater v Barbertens (2.45); Newport v Maesteg (7.0).

First division

Fourth division Crews v Bristol City (7,30)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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By Nicholas Harling Portsmouth The most remarkable aspect of yesterday morning's game at Stamford Bridge was that only four goals were scored. Three of them came in the opening 11 minutes after which Dixon missed two penalties for Chelsea and both sides struck the woodwork twice. There were also countless near misses in a match of such frenetic excitement that it would not have League match it was and Chelsea wasted their chance to go top of the second division. They have now dropped 10 points in their last five dropped 10 points in their last five games at home.

The goals came so quickly at first that those with long memories were recalling the Christmas Day 26 years ago when Chelsea beat Portsmouth 7-4, Greaves getting four of them. A repeat scoreline looked a distinct possibility, in spite of a concious wind and a spite of a capricious wind and a morass of a pitch, liberally sprinkled with sand, that did nothing to deter either set of forwards. Clearly neither side's Dixon: bending over backwards for Chelsea attemot. appetite was sated by the four goals each had managed the

Four more minutes and Por-tsmouth were ahead again as Dixon handled a fierce cross from substitute. Dillog slotted home the

the day before.

Dixon's first chance from the

naily in the second half as Portsmouth sought to regain their lead. Hateley cut in from the left wing to strike an upright with a substitute. Dison storied nome ine-penalty with the kind of accuracy that Dixon was soon to find beyond bim, though he had succeeded from the 12-yard mark stupendous shot. spot came on the half hour when Dillon brought down Speedie on

the edge of the area. Knight flung himself high to his right to keep out the penalty and Dillon completed the save by turning aside Canoville's cross from the

Chelsea's second penalty came in the 63rd minute, Speedie being felled again, this time by Ellis. Dixon hit the angle of post and har and the woodwork again saved Portsmouth when Speedie headed against the bar. Webb did likewise at the other wend out the ways at the other end after one of several lapses by McLaughlin. A draw was the only just result and Morgan kept it that way when he raced back to volley

Portsmouth succumbed again when McLanghlin put Dixon through to resist Tait's attention

however, seemed to control Dixon's pass with his hands before shaking off Webb's challenge to Woods keeps Norwich record intact

By Gerry Harrison

goats each had managed the previous day.

It took Hateley only four minutes to recapture the mood, against one of the clubs that his famous father played for, getting the merest tooch with his head to John McLaughlin's free kick but it

John McLaughlin's free kick but it was enough to beat Niedzwicki's straining fingers. McLaughlin was soon to depart and it was as the full back was being escorted from the pitch with a dislocated shoulder that Chelsen equalized in the seventh minute. Cannoville, however commend to control

Norwich City ipswich Town.....

Norwich City have not been beaten by Ipswich Town in six meetings and their present record of two defeats in 18 games is infinitely superior to that of Ipswich who have two wins in 10 league matches. Yet only the quality of the Norwich goalkeeper, Chris Woods, saved them from a sound bearing yesterday and local humiliation in front of Carrow Road's biggest attendance of the season

Strange that recent form and Strange that recent form and fortune should mean so little. Norwich were keen without sharpness and Ipswich, missing Burley, Putney and Cooper, looked tough and competent. They should not have allowed Woods to emerge as the hero of the afternoon.

In the last 15 minutes of the half In the last 15 minutes of the half Woods saved well from Wark, Gates and O'Callaghan in break-away moves. What little seasonal spirit there was evaporated when Mariner rashly challenged Woods after his save from Gates, not his first doubtfully timed act of 1983 City's plan to substitute Hareide

Mendham was carried off after a tackle by O'Callaghan. At least it produced a spark or two from Donowa in a tense finish in which Woods once again took the honours with two saves in injury time, clawing Mariner's header from the clawing Mariner's header from the top corner and stooping to thwart a point blank shot from Gates.

NORWICH CITY: C Woods. P Haylock, G Dowle, P Menchem (est.). A Hereidel, J Deethan, D Wetson, L Donows. M Channon, J Devine, K Beraschis, D Van Wyck.

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Referee: J Hunding (Leicester).

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Scottish premier division

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threw everything at him

Qadir dug deep to find extra reserves of conviction while

displaying fine defensive mech-

anisms and occasional strokes

of genius in crashing the ball

away through the off side. His innings of 45 was a career-best performance in Tests and perhaps will give him the

confidence to produce some of

his best with the ball and at last

The Australian bowlers found

there was nothing to their liking.

The slow bounce that had

been evident in the opening

phase of the game was gone.

The little amount of spin that

Matthews had found on

Monday was no longer there

and it was just a matter of

Liliee, as usual, gave treely of

Maguire, in his first Test

The other newcomers, the off

AUSTRALIA: First limitings
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W B Phillips, liber b Azoem.
G N Yellop, not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-70.

BOWLING (to date): Sarfraz 12-1-37-0; Azeem 10-4-37-2; Cadir 9-4-13-0.

mokes: A R Crafterand P McConnell

the best of the

bowlers.

make a real mark on this series.

in this pitch on the second day.

their lone stand.

*Imran dour as a Boycott W Indies and fierce as a Richards

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

Imran Khan, the Pakistan innings on a wicket reputedly captain, at long last given bad for batting late in a Test.

doctor's permission to take part Much to the joy of Imrai in the series, wasted no time in putting his stamp on proceedngs on the second day of the fourth Test match against Australia here yesterday.

endured the agony of sitting on the sidelines while his colleagues struggled through the first two games before acquitting themselves better in the of his life in steering his team to

a strong position. His preparation for this had been a few knocks in the nets ing considerable amounts of and a couple of short stays at spin at one end, and with the crease in his only game of the tour, against Tasmania at Hobart a week ago. But in the face of all these problems he produced a true captain's innings. He was at the crease for a few minutes short of four hours for his 83, but never once did his concentration waver. He sat out the tough periods follow.

scoring opportunities with the to his dedication. Pakistan the side under the leadership of

Much to the joy of Imrai's the dashing Salim (they put on 27) and an equally enterprising bowler, grabbed two Australian Sarfiaz (with whom he added wickets before stumps. Azeem 28), Imran was prepared to take had Wessels smartly caught at the wicket by Wasum Bari when the chunky, bouncy Qadir came out Imran, who had manfully the acore was 21; then, recalled to join him, Imran took charge to the attack late in the day, he to guide his partner through an snapped up the wicket of the early storm when the Austramenacing Phillips.

At that stage Australia were a and into calmer waters later in little unsteady on their feet at 70 for two. Hughes had a shaky time with Yallop before seeing his team through to stumps at 88 for two. With Qadir extract-Azeem skidding a few along the ground at the other, it looked as if Australia would not survive, let alone win.

Pakistan resumed yesterday at 308 for five, and, judging by their bottom-half perforances in the earlier Tests, could not have hoped for what was to What ensued was the with the application of a sort of responsibility and self-Boycott, then pounced on discipline one would expect from a dedicated team, but ferocity of a Richards. Thanks which was sadly missing from



Imran did not once waver at the crease

Sri Lankan rebels appeal

Colombo (Reuter) - The Sri
Lankan team which defied a government ban by touring South Africa last year has appealed to the government to lift a 25-year ban on the players. They are barred from participating in national cricket and participating in national cricket and participating in patients.

Daily Mirror reported that the team's player-Tony Opatha, had, on Vincent Perera, for a complete reprieve, permission to participate in domestic competitions and ibility to play for the national

inancial flop. Last week Mr Perera said in any appeal made by the rebels for a reprieve. He was replying to Sarath punishment was too harsh.

Sri Lanka is a signatory to the Gleneagles agreement which dis-courages sporting contacts with

walk off in bottle Three partnerships involving protest Imran set the standard. With

Madras (Agencies) - The West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, ordered his team off the 'field after a spectator threw a bottle which hit the fast bowler, Winston Davis, during the sixth and final test match here yesterday.
Lloyd was persuaded by Indian

officials to resume play 27 minutes later, and india ended the third day struggling at 69 for four in reply to West Indies' first innings total of

period of play when India were 54 for two. Gavaskar hit the spin bowler Harper, for four. Davis went to pick up the ball and the bottle, thrown by a spectator who has not been identified, hit him high on the chest officials said. Davis was seen writhing in pain and Lloyd ordered his team to leave the field in protest.

India, having taken the last three West Indies wickets for 11 after lunch, made a bad start to their innings. Marshall sent back Gaekwad and Vengsarkar, both caught by Harper in the slips, without a run on the board.

However, Gavaskar and Siddgu, who was preferred to Amarnath for this match, steaded the innings, until Siddhu was caught by Richards off Roberts off as soon as

well in the series, came and went cheaply, the fourth batsman to be caught. Gavaskar, who came in at No 4, is still there on 36. Marshall has so far taken two wickets for west ludies resumed their first innings at 207 for five. Dujon became the highest scorer with a wee-made 62, his fourth half-cen-

tury of the tour, but he and his overnight partner, Davis, were back nership of 71 between Marshall and Holding, who hit four sixes in his 34 gave the innings new life.

While Maninder Singh, having conceded only 26 runs in 21 overs on Monday, carried on where he had left off by bowling three successive maidens, another spin-



Yaday was brought on from the other end. Holding greeted him with successive sixes over long-on

Samé over. same over.

Holding then turned his attention
to Maninder and hoisted him over
the midwicket boundry for another
six. West Indies looked well placed, with the Marshall-Holding partner-ship going well, but they added just one run after lunch before Kapil Dev stepped in to dismiss them both, and Maninder got rid of

Harner.
Kapil Dev finished the innings with three wickets, making him the ighest Indian wicket-taker in a

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*C H Lloyd, low b Kapil Dev W W Davis, c Navjot Singh b Sinny	
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M A Holding, tow b Kapil Day	
R A Harper, c and b Maninder	
Extras (fb 12, nb 6)	
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-54, 4-67. BCWLING (to date): Marshell 8-4-3-2; Roberts 9-4-21-1; Davis 5-0-8-0; Holding 7-0-19-0; Harper 9-3-16-1.

A tame conclusion

Durban (Reuter) - The West Indian XI and a South African XI drew their four-day match here vesterday with the Springboks making 59 without loss when they followed on in their second innings.

Clarke, the West Indian fast bowler, demolished the South African lower order batting as the home side slumped to 333 all out in their first innings and the match died a slow death

overs with the second new ball to send the Springboks crashing after they had been well placed at 302 for six. He ended with figures of five for 105 off 32.1 overs, and was well supported by Moseley his new ball partner, who took three for 76.

During the afternoon only Kourie ealt competently with the bowling. scoring 32 in 79 balls, but Clarke came back into the attack to bowl both him and Jefferies with successive balls. Pollock had livened

G Rows 157, A I Kullicharran 103, D R Pari	гу 🛱
not out. F de C Stephenson 53).	•
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*P N Kirsten č Murray b Moseley	84
D & Bedeeb h Stern	
K S McKewen c sub b Moseley	11
CEB Rice cand b Parry	7
A J Kourie b Clarke	32
1R V Jermings b Clerks	_18
G S le Roux c Stephenson b Clarke	11
ST Jefferies b Clarke	0
D Hobson not out	_12
Extres (04, lb9, w1, ab13)	. 27
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-132, 3-219, 4	230
5-249, 6-257, 7-302, 8-313, 9-313, 10-333.	
2-5-6 6-50, 1, 000, 0,010, 0,010, 10,000	

Total (no wid)

BOWLING: Clarks, 3-0-9-0; Stephenson, 6-1-16-0; Mossley, 4-2-8-0; King, 6-2-13-0; Kalicherran, 5-2-6-0.

MOTOR RACING



Piquet: accused

Piquetatthe centre of fuel protest

Maranello, Italy (AP) - The Ferrari team have filed a formal protest to the International Auto Federation (FISA) about "illegal" fuel used by Nelson Piquet in some ruct used by Netson Figure in some grand prix races of the 1983 world Formula One championship. A Ferrari spokesman said a similar protest had been filed by Renault. Ferrari and Renault, while criticizing Piquet and his team, Brabham, do not want the driver punished but urge that "similar facts" are prevented in 1984, so that lacts" are prevented in 1984, so that the credibility of the championship is safeguarded. In a triex sent to FISA's secretary general, Ferrari Claimed that the Brabham car driven by Piquet in grand prix races in West Germany, Italy and Britain 1881 season used fuel with an illegal with profusers.

number of octanes.

Ferrari said that octanes in Piquet's car reached as high as 102.8, compared with an authorized

Piquet, who has signed for Brabham, won the world drivers championship this year, accumulating decisive points in the last grand the ones in which he allegedly used

... The question of the octane rating of fuel used in certain cars is not the only technical matter on which carification has been requested in grand prix circles during 1983, John en Writes.

Other examples include the addition of water to the fuel air mixture, and the use of exhaust tayouts which may aid the acrodynamic performance of the

Interpretation of rules is a perennial problem in motor racing, and a maximum effort should be made during the between seasons period to resolve all such outstanding issues, whether they affect Formula One cars or saloons, rather then allow them to drag on and so canfine and undermine the smooth running of future championships. The iron nerve of two young Europeans

Ballesteros raises the US Tour to a pitch of excitement

the quiet American's year.

Watson lost by one stroke to Larry Nelson in the United States Open, was five strokes adrift of the US Masters champion Severiano Bailesteros, and was nowhere as Hal Sutton won the 65th USPGA title. His only other achievement of note was to ensure that the United States won a narrow and hard-fought Ryder Cup victory over Europe, when he beat Bernard Gallacher, of Britain 2 and 1 in the final singles to make the final score 14½ points to 13½ in the Americans' favour. But if Watson was having a lean year, two young Europeans came very much to the fore.

The mercurial Ballesteros finally ontrolled his own flamboyance to win not only the US Masters for the second time, but also \$300.000 in the Sun City million dollar classic in Bophuthatswana. Nick Faldo of Britain, made it a European tour to remember by becoming the first man to win five tournaments, three of them in succession, and earning an exemption for the US tour next

Watson had a successful year in 1982, winning two grand slam titles in the space of a month, the US Open and his fourth British Open. This year, having yielded to Nelson in the US Open, he went to Royal Birkdale a favourite at slightly lower odds than he might otherwise have expected. Once more he had to survive a tense final round, as the palance shifted almost with every stroke. At one point, approaching the final holes, no fewer than five players shared the lead, with a further six within two strokes.

Cool temperament

It was then that Watson's cool temperament came into its own, and he edged into the lead with a birdie from 15ft on the 16th and safely negotiated the last two holes with par figures for a slender onestroke victory over two other Americans, Andy Bean and Hale

Watson's four-round total of 275 (13 under par) brought him a prize £40,000. Should be equal the record held by Harry Vartion, of Britain at St Andrew's in 1984 by winning his sixth British Open title, he will pick up £50,000 in a tournament for which the total prize money will rise by £100,000 to £410,000.

Paris (AFP) - Tom Watson, of the United States, the personification of the man who can keep his head while all around him are losing theirs, won his fifth Open Championship in nine years in 1983. Surprisingly it proved to be the first and last big tournament victory of the quiet American's year.

We was in a year when the United States four seconds later, apparently propelled by a member of the crowd.

Amid angry scenes, the stunned Marsh watched as Faldo was with Gary Player of South Africa. The distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in and went one up as Marsh took the court american golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in and went one up as Marsh took the court american golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament. After his victory in the distinction of being the only non-American golfer to win the tournament victory of the quiet American's year.

Watson slipped back to joint third, five strokes behind the champion. Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, of the

Year of the underdog

With Nelson winning the US Open, and Hal Sutton the USPGA title, it was very much a year for the underdog, particularly for Sutton, aged 25, in only his second year on the tour. He led throughout the USPGA event also won the Tourseart Players' charmingship. Tournament Players' championship and finished the season as the leading money winner on the US

tour.
The Ryder Cup showed the Europeans to be stronger than they had been for some time, but, still not quite strong enough to win for the first time on American soil in this. the 25th competition. Since 1927 when the wealthy British seed merchant Samuel Ryder put up the silver trophy for compension between leading professionals from both sides of the Atlantic, the mes, lost three and drawn one of the biennial matches.
But it took dramatic comebacks

the last day in Pahn Beach on the last day in Faint Beach
Gardens to secure their 1983
victory, with Fuzzy Zoeller and
Lanny Wadkins rescuing themselves from the jaws of defeat.
Zoeler to halve with Ballesteros and
Wadkins to halve with another
Spaniard, Jose-Maria Cañizares.
In Europe Faldo's fine seson In Europe, Faido's fine season was not without its share of controversy, as in the world matchplay event at Wentworth, he took what many considered an unsport-ing advantage over the Australian Graham Marsh in the first round.

He hooked a seven-iron round the

trees at the 16th and the ball rolled

off the back of the green into a crowd of spectators, only to emerse

an official was dismissed on the spot for shouting at Faldo, and the British player went on to reach the final. But in the eyes of many, justice was then seen to be done, as a subdued Faldo was beaten three and two by another Australian, Greg Norman, who won his second match playered.

Elsewhere, Nick Price of South Africa achieved a memorable victory in the world series in Akron, Ohio, taking the title from under the noses of Jack Nicklaus and Johnny Miller, by four strokes, having led from start to finish.

Japan's leading goiter, Isao Aoki, won the Japanese Open after a sudden-death play-off with Terry Gale of Australia, to add to his victory in the Hawaian Open in February and a fine display in the European Open at Sunningdale in September when he beat Ballesteros, Faldo and Carl Mason, of the United States, into second place by two strokes. His victory, in Europe's richest tournament after the British Open, was his second on British soil after his world match-play triumph in 1978.

Canizares, a former caddie, found his way into the record books without actually realising it at the time, when he won the Bob Hope classic at Moor Park. For it was later announced that the event, one of the most enjoyable, and popular on the circuit, would not be played again.

New frontier

City Million Dollar Classic in early December, his tournament recordcomfortable five-stroke victory over David Graham, of Australia, Faido and Zoeller, and with it a prize of

Finally, 1983 was the year when golf broke down the final frontier and at last became accessible to China. The legendary American Arnold Palmer was the man responsible, bringing the game back to the mainland for the first time since the communist regime banned

In October, Palmer, 54, made a visit to the Chung Shan golf course, designed by his company, and was pleased with the grogress of the



leged class of one

course, which is due to open in There were a dozen or so golf

courses in the People's Republic, mainly for the use of expanales, when the game was banned on the grounds that it was a bourgeois pastime, and the courses are now all public parks.
The new course, 5,991 metres and

par-72 planted with Bermuda grass from the United States and is surrounded by paddy fields, a far cry from the plants of Augusta, Georgia. or the genteel seaside atmosphere of the Royal and Ancient at St

But then, given the aptitude for the game the Chinese have already displayed, it may not be long before the name Chung Shan is family on the golfing map of the world.



international season at centre

behind him, or going for an

uncapped player such as Palmer (Bath) or Barley (Wakefield).

Or they could go for Cardus, which is where today's game becomes more relevant. The burly Yorkshireman is at centre

for the Barbarians; he was capped twice by England four

years ago and toured the Far East that same year with England. He has been playing well in a successful club side. albeit on the wing for much of

the time, and he will certainly

make Leicester aware of his

Apart from the two Leicester men, and Melville, the Wasps scrum half, who is just begin-

ning to find his way back after

injury, there are no obvious unavailabilities to disturb the

Richard Greenwood, Eng-

land's coach, has had a close

look at the four divisions at area

squad training during the last month and has been much

encouraged by the enthusiasm

shown. He was equally encouraged to see his experienced right

wing Carleton, scoring two tries for Orrell against Bedford last Friday to indicate that he has

recovered from the knee injury

sustained against New Zealand

The essential, indeed eternal,

question that Greenwood has been asking players is "What happens next?" in the hope that

they will come up with some-

thing other than the usual stereotyped answers. I think

we are going to see some very

selectors.

last month.

Barbarians match could put Cardus back in reckoning

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The England selectors will ing Davies, currently playing at gather at Leicester this evening stand-off half for Wasps but to dot the i's and cross the i's on with the best part of an the two trial teams to play at Twickenham on January 7. They will have enjoyed beforehand the annual engagement between Leicester and the Barbarians at Welford Road, though the game itself is unlikely to create any radical

change in their thinking. It seems logical to suppose that they will choose as one trial side the England team who beat New Zealand last month, with the obvious exceptions of the two injured Leicester players, Wheeler, the captain, and Dodge. The interesting ques-tions that remain, therefore, are who they will invite to be caretaker captain and whether

they will go for a genuine centre in place of Dodge.

The captaincy seems likely to remain among the forwards, who should include Scott, captain in two internationals last season, and Colclough, who performed well as captain of the London division against the All Biacks.

Both have plentiful experience and have won the respect of their colleagues over the past four seasons, which should help them overcome the obvious difficulty of knowing that the role will revert to Wheeler when he is fit. The England hooker is due to hve the plaster removed from his broken left thumb on Friday and will hope to play for one of the Leicester sides on

January 7. Since Simpson, of Sale, was Wheeler's deputy against New Zealand, he wili presumably come into the senior side as hooker. At centre the selectors have the opportunity of choos-

Laidlaw hopes dwindle

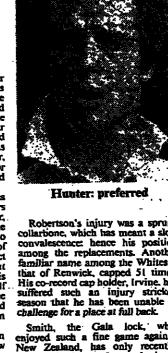
After 23 consecutive games for his country, Roy Laidlaw finds himself demoted to the junior side for Scotland's trial at Murrayfield on January 7. Laidlaw, aged 30, the British Lions scrum half in all four internationals against New Zealand during the summer (the first as replacement), gives way to Hunter, who has the benefit of playing for Selkirk with Scotland's most capped

stand-off half, Rutherford. The Selkirk pair go into the Blues XV together while Laidlaw partners the promising Edinburgh youngster.
Wylie. The selection reflects the
attitude of the district selectors, who
preferred Hunter for the South of Scotland in the inter-district championship, and suggests that Laidlaw's hopes of becoming his country's most capped scrum half. are slightly dimmer. He needs three more appearances to beat the record of Jimmy Nelson, established in

There are two other changes from the side who drew 25-25 with New Zealand last month. These are in the back row, where Beattle moves from the open side flank to his more accustomed position or No. 8 at the expense of another Lion, Paxton. The flank position goes to the Kelso player, Jeffery, who thus moved a first can after step nearer a first cap after appearances for the Barbarians this season as well as for South of

There is no doubt, however, that the Whites back row will give them a severe test, since the experience of Paxton and Leslie, who captains the unior side, is added to the raw inthusiasm of McGaughey, the No. 8, who has impressed as a flanker in the district championship. It should be remembered that

Scotland were forced to make three changes to their original selection to face New Zealand, infury precluding Leslie, Robertson (Meirose) and Munro (Ayr). Like Leslie, Munro gets his chance in the junior side and will hope to make a sufficient impression to relieve Pollock, the try-scorer against the All Blacks, of the place on the right wing and thereby add to his eight caps.



Robertson's injury was a sorung collarbone, which has meant a slow convalescence hence his position among the replacements. Another familiar name among the Whites is that of Renwick, capped 51 times. His co-record cap holder, Irvine, has suffered such an injury stricken season that he has been unable to

Smith, the Gala lock, who Smith, me Calla lock, who enjoyed such a fine game against New Zealand, has only recently recovered from damaged knee ligaments and hopes to prove his ess in the club match with Kelso on Saturday. There are two London-based Scots in the teams, Cuthbertson the rugged Harlequins lock, in the senior side, and Gordon, the London Scottish centre, who was capped twice in Australia in 1982, in

BLUER P Dods (Gaia); J Pollock (Gosforth), E Kennedy, D Johnston (both Wasonians), R Beird (Kelso); J Risterford, G Hunter (both Selintic; J Aftien (Gaia, capt), C Deares (Hawick), I Miles (Heriot's FP), J Calder (Stewart's Melvitle FP), W Cuthbertson (Harlequins), T Smith (Gaia), J Jeffrey (Kelso), J Beettle (Glasqow Academicals),

WHITES: G Hassings (Watsonians): S Munro (Ayr), J Renwick (Hawlot), R Gordon (London Scottash), I Tutalo (Selloth): D Wyllie (Staveart's Medville (PR), R Laddew (Jedforest): G Mackenzie (Hightend), R Curninghem (Beth), N Rowen (Boroghmuin), S McCaughey, A Campball, A Tomes (Bi Hawlot), D Leelle (Gala, capt), I Paudon (Selloth). Replacements for both seams: forwards - D Sole (Exette University), R Cunningham (Sala), G Runchman (Malcose), I McKle (Sale), F Calcal (Stewart's Metrids FP), D White (Sale), Salcia -S Johnston (Watsonians), C Gase (Hewick), C Williamson (West of Scotland), K Robertson (Metrose), A Thomson (Kelso), P Steven Charlot's FP).

Waterloo push Park clean off the rails

by Michael Stevenson

Birkenhead Park Waterloo

The dominant Mersey sound yesterday was the howling of the gale at Upper Park, where Birkenhead Park entertained their near neighbours Waterloo to lose a spirited and enjoyable contest by single penalty to a goal, three tries and a penalty.

and a penalty.

In Park's other holiday encounter, they had scored three tries to one in their narrow defeat by Liverpool, a result which has dented their hopes of a place in next year's Northern ment table; but there wa no lack of spirit as they tore into Waterloo, encouraged by the strong wind on their backs. Park had every chance of leading

through a couple of early penalty chances by McNerlin, after Cotter had missed for Waterloo, but their strong early pressur could not disguise the fact that Waterloo, playing their fish calmly, were confident of netting him in the econd half.

The nearest Birkenhead Park came to a try was when fluent passing carried the ball to Davenport on the left wing; he slipped his man and threw the bal inside to Freeman, who was felled fiecely but fairly by a superb covering tackle by

Through the event came mark-dly against the run of paly, it did edly against the run of paly, it did not surprise many people when some gorgeous concerted passing and intelligent backing up took play deep into home territory, where Syddall crashed ponderously. His colleagues won the ruck and Carfoot depend away on the short side to put danced away on the short side to put Cotter in for 2 ky that was much facilitated by naive defending.

experienced by the home supporters when the stand-off haif, Ferguson. when the stand-off half, Ferguson, jinked to within a couple of yards of the Waterloo line, but the visitors' tackling in general and that of the admirable Gallagher in particular never faltered. McNerlin cut Waterloo's lead to a single point with a penalty almost on half-time. Facing the wind, Birkenhead Park found life a still more taxing affair. Six minutes into the second half. Carfoot broke on the open side from Carfoot broke on the open side from a lineout and virtually handed the ball to Syddall, who crashed over for

for consistent pressure.

One would have thought that Waterloo would have welcomed the opportunity to throw the ball about with gay abandon in this context, but there are few frills on their game, highly competent though it

a try. Cotter's penalty followed, awarded for offside and the reward

Their next score followed a crash ball run by Syddall again: Reed also drove for the line and the irrepressible. Fisher, the former Scotland hooker, emerged with the ball and an unlikely try which he celebrated with a suitably theatrical gesture. Cotter converted and Waterloo, now in total command, scored their last try when right to left passing gave Nutter his chance th feed the full back, Tickle, who side-stepped his way over for one of the best tries of the match.

Bickenhead Pade Penalty; Michierlin, Waterloo: Tries: Cotter, Syddall, Fisher, Tickle, Penalty and convention: Cotter. Birkesbend Park: J Reever, P Kolokotroni, P McNerfin, C Freemen, B Sterton, M Ferguson, S Sie, J Cairne, R Tinsley, R Bold, K McGovern, P Graville, P McCrave, C Walnerfort, K Fedgan, Waterstoe: J Tickle, M Cotter, J Whitehead, S Nutter, M Molyneur, M Fetchan, D Cachool, F McCraley, C Fasher, S Peters, D Reed, J Syddall, N Wikinson, L Corner, S Gelleging.



Cardus: burly threat

useful things happening after the players have thought about it for a while." Greenwood said. 'Not necessarily in the trial game but working among ourselves in squard sessions."

All the selectors have agreed on the principle of two sides being prepared by two coaches for the trial with the purpose. Greenwood says, of giving the existing England side as hard a game as possible.

It will not, of course, be an entirely easy game at Leicester today as the club side seek recovery from a clutch adverse results over the last four

LEICESTER: W Hars; B Evans, C Woodward, I Bates, R Underwood, L Cusworth, N Youngs, M Whitcombs. C Tresser, S Rectern, R Tebutt, N Gägingham, M Foukes-Arriold, A Marriott. D Richards.

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BARBARIANS: B Vives (Agen): S Holdstr.

Nottingferm). C Green (Carserbury). R Cart
(Wasps). M Balley (Cambridge University).

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Stachers (Bridgend). J L Dupont (Agen).

Biskeway (Gloucester). K Bowring (Lond
Weish). M Cololough (Wesps). S Sainner.

(Gosforth). P Winterbottom (Headingley).

Bargan (Oxford University).

Referee: D Burnest (Ireland).

Swansea graceful as swans

By Gerald Davies

London Welsh... Swansea were back in top gear yesterday. On a gloomy, drizzling afternoon there were shades of that shimmering talent to show that all is

not lost for them this year. None dazzled more than David Richards. whose two superb individual tries were the highlight of the game. In contemplating the Welsh team for the international championship his name has been missing from everyone's list. But not after this performance. Although he was injured towards the end be should be fit for the squad training on

Both sides, tired from their previous day's exertions began by were quicker to snap out of their lethargy. Ross, the Ne Zealander, moving up and down the lineout, ensured a fair share of possession which Ebsworth used mostly to kick which was just as well since his threequarters, full of Christmas fare, were intent on dropping everything. Much against the run of play, Swansea scored first; and a brilliant try it was, too. For almost the first time in the heavy conditions the ball went through more than a couple of pairs of hands. From a ruck Blyth came left to feed Setaro, who slipped his opposite number, for Phennah and Moriarty to drive down the

touchline. Phennah reappeared to score the try, which Blyth con-Ebsworth kicked a penalty before the visitors scored their try. Jeremy Hughes changed the direction of the stack went down the blind side of the ruck and went through a nonexistent Swansea defence to link up with Tim Jones, who charged his way over 10 score. Ebsworth converted this as well as kicking

another penalty.

If the visitors had been more aggressive and purposeful in the first half, the roles suddenly changed in the second. Snapping out of their first-half lethargy, the second half began with the home side exerting heavy pressure on the visitor's line. From a scrum underneath the London Welsh post, Aled Williams came right and, keeping his feet admirably in the sticky conditions, he durmied and jinked to score a marvellous try, which Blyth con-

Swansea were now in rampant mood. Gareth Jenkins scythed his way through the defence. Moriarty was at his shoulder and he fed Roberts, who scored, Blyth converting Soon after Williams picked up a loose ball to feed Richards who, with superb acceleration on the outside of his man, ran for 30 metres to score.

London Welsh still had their

share of possession but the more robust Swansea forwards, now stirred into action in the deteriorating conditions, made life difficult for Davies at scrum half.

Davies at scrum half.
Playing more like the side that
swept everything before them last
season, there was no holding
Swansea near the end. Once more
Williams went throught the scrum
and scissored with Richards going
head left With an entry process? back left. With an easy, graceful run he moved outside, straightened and scored a superb try again which gave him a standing ovation. Blyth again

him a standing ovation. Blyth again converted.

SCORER Swapses. Tres: Pheannan, A Walsams, Robests, Richards (2). Conversions: Blyth (4). Lendon Welsh: Thes: T Jones. Penalises: Environ (2). Swapses: R Byth; T Swift, D Richards (rep. Mystans, R Jones; K Colclough, J-Herdman, C Walsams, R Jorse; K Colclough, J-Herdman, C Walsams, G Roberts, R Morlaty, T Cheseman, G Phernah, P Morlary.

London Welsts P Greenway; D Walsams, R Actionnen, J Hughes, (rep. I George), J Nursey; M Ebsworth, G Osvies; T Jones, B Light, J Davids, P Dayld, J Ross, G Leves (rep. B Brackey), J Ford, P Conneen.

Referee: R O P Jones (Swanses).

● The Moseley flanker Dave

Warren, who has played five games in a row, rests his suspect knees on Saturday, when Waterloo visit The Reddings. Chris Black returns and the other flank position goes to Caledon Richardson in the absence of Bob Barr en holiday.

Francome and **Burrough Hill** Lad complete Welsh coup

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Jenny Pilman continued on her triumphant march at Chep-stow yesterday when she trained the winner of the Coral Welsh National for the second year in succession. Twelve months ago it was Corbiere who did her proud, this time it was Bur-rough Hill Lad When the weights were published Mrs Piman put her head on the block and said Burrough Hill Lad was so well handicapped that he would win if she could get him right. How right she was. Those who took her at her word and backed that opinion at all odds from 20-1 downto 100-30 have her forthrighness and skills to thank for a nice coup which cost the sponsors a prefty penny or two.

By any standards this was a fine feat of training. Burrough Hill Lad had not run in a steeplechase for 15 months because of a strained check ligament. To cure that he had to be bar-fired and to make matters worse his only race in the meantime was over hurdles. Mrs Pitman intended running Burrough Hill Lad over fences at either Worcester or Lingfield last week but bad weather

frustrated her. Despite all this she was still able to turn Burrough Hill Lad out looking a picture of health and fitness in the paddock before yesterday's race. Ridden with the style and guile that one has grown to associate with John Francome, Burrough Hill Lad's performance matched his

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The last time Francome rode The last time Francome rode Khamsin at Kempton on at Chepstow he incurred the Boxing Day with the total displeasure of the stewards for eclipse of Fifty Dollars More in hitting a horse too hard and too the big race and the defeats of often with his whip. Ironically Gaye Brief and Silver Wind. he barely had to move a muscle But the man who has been the this time as he crept around the leading owner under National inside saving precious ground. Hunt rules for the past two "A peach of a race," was the seasons can experience the generous way that Mrs Pitman sweeter side of life again at described Francome's riding. Warwick today by winning the And it was a fair description. Edward Courage Cup, run in Farfier I had likende it unto the memory of another great sort of race one normally only supporter of the winter game, sees in a dream. When asked if with Half Free. Green Bramble, he was worried at any stage of a decent hurdler but a big the race, the champion jockey. disappointment in his only race who is seldom caught short of over fences, has an ideal words, replied: "No. My only opportunity to atone in the anxiety was whether they had Jacob Marley Novices' Chase.

enough for my present?

Francome added that Burrough Hill Lad was a very nice horse who had given him a really good feeling. Mrs Pitman promptly nominated him for the Cheltenham Gold Cup rather than the Grand National. This resulted in a 33-1 quote from those bookmakers present. To get things into perspective, however, it must be appreciated that Burrough Hill Lad was getting 12lb from the runner-up Royal Judgement, yesterday. Good horse that Royal Judgement is, he is not Gold Cup from those bookmakers present.

Carrying 8lb more than when he won 12 months ago, Corbiere could finish only sixth this time but Mrs Pitman was not disappointed and he remains favourite for the Grand National Corbiere blew hard afterwards and Aintree is still a long way away. Sadly, Get out of Me Way, my selection, hurt his back and had to be pulled up before the second last fence. He had been going well and was ideally-placed when his rider Paul Barton suddenly felt him go wrong.

Dodgy Future was made favourite to win the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March after winning the Finale Junior Hurdle. But, even allowing for the fact that his trainer Stan Mellor has won the race twice in recent years with Pollardstown and Saxon Farm, the 12-I offered by Hills looks mean

Things did not go according too plan for Shaikh Ali Abu



RACING: SECOND SUCCESSIVE WELSH GRAND NATIONAL TRIUMPH FOR JENNY PITMAN

Happy habit: Jeany Pitman repeats her smile of 12 months ago after Burrough Hill Lad's

Mossmorran lands a gamble

saga of Mossmorran continued at Wetherby yesterday. Michael Dickinson, the champion trainer, elebrated his triumphant return from Kempton by paying a visit to his local course to watch Dermot Browne ride his own horse, Browne's Gazette to 12-length victory in the second division of the Bradford Novices' hurdle. And Peter Easterby gave another good crowd plenty to shout about when landing a double with Kanenomore and Torreon. But the story of the and forest. But the story of the day undoubtedly concerned Mossmorran, who brought off a £10,000 gamble for three milkmen, two publicans and a fruiterer in the esborough handicap hurdle.

100-30 favourite forged clear of his 16 rivals halfway up the straight to beat Chetel by five lengths. Andy Scott has already executed one major coup this season when winning with Hills Guard at Neuvestle and on this occasion the Newcastle and on this occasion the Almwick trainer was full of similar confidence beforehand. "I told the Scott certa inly deserves all the

year-old into a horse who has now won six races and who will probably start favourite for the Ernest Robinson flurdle at Cheltenham next week. "Vincent Burns, landof the Miners Arms at morran. He was turned out in a field with a pony and a donkey. They were so shaggy that it was hard to tell which was which."

Ear-splitting yells of jubilation from his six joint-owners greeted Mossmorran on his return to the unsaddling enclosure. "We had to to get finished in time," Trevor Hanover, a Durham milkman, said.
"but it's all been worthwhile after having had such a good bet." Mr Hanover is now looking forward to

Browne's Gazette is the only with Dickinson, for whom Browne, the champion amateur, works as assistant trainer. "He may be a good jockey, but he is one of my most difficult owners," said Dickinson. "The trouble is that he's such a slow

credit that is going for his Karenomore, is better known in his transformation of a moderate three-role as advisor of bloodstock to purchaser not only of Shareef Dancer, but also of the record £10.2m Northern Dancer yearling Lexington recently when someone told me that Capt Donald Swann had a likely-looking five-year-old in Northern Ireland", he said. "I'm not telling you what I gave for him, but although Kanrenomore may have been chesp by some people's standards, he was certainly expens-

ive by mine."

At Newcastle this afternoon Marden and Easterby can strike another blow by winning the first division of the Partridge Novices Hurdle with Jobroke, a 15,000 guineas Newmarket sales purchase. Dickinson can capture the second

Millie Grey at Kelso.

The Salmons Spray Hurdle is the feature at Fontwell. Out A Dash had not been seen in public this season but Nadine Smith's four-year-old beat Wollow Will at Cheltenham last season and also finished strongly when third in the Placepot Hurdle at Kempton. Cut A Dash should now prove to good for the able but untrustworthy Connaught

The Tsarevich earns right to lose squiggle

Tarrevich has had some amazingly nasty things said about him. Most of them are based on the fact thad, as an up-and-coming hurdler at the Cheltenham Fessival. The Tasmovich ried to run off the course towards the saddling boxes when in contention at the last flight.

Nicity Henderson, the seven-year-

Nicky Henderson, the seven-year-l's trainer, thinks it is about time ple forgot that particular dent, and it is difficult to gree with him. After all, who ne any horse at the business end of a gruelling race for preferring the safety and comfort of a stable to on the same course when The Tsurevich was once again accused of ducking the issue that landed the unfortunate animal with perhaps the ultimate insult - A Timeform

this particular "rogue's badge" removed forthwith, The Tsarevich's owner, Mrs Judy Henty, is quite happy for it to remain there

Henderson says he has an answer, if one is needed, for those who say it one is needed, for those who say that The Tsarevich has not always appeared to tackle the task in hand with the greatest relish — he has always found the others going too fast for him over two miles. This season The Tsarevich has won two valuable races when tried over 2½ miles and Henderson believes that three miles will soft him even better.

The Trarevich has also resented bim on all counts, Barry Wright on Mr Peapock set a fast pace and The Tsarevich was able to lob along behind him until John White shot him into the lead approaching the final turn. From then on, it was a case of the further they went, the further The Tsarevich went away, and the nearer that squiggle came to heing finally crased.

There must be times when jockeys wish they could award squiggles to horses who give them "hairy" rides, and if this were so, surely Michael Dickinson's eight-year-old, Fearless Imp, would be a leading candidate. Chris Bell, Dickinson's 21-year-old apprentice, must have felt like a rodeo rider vesterday. Fearless Imp mcketed off must have left like a rocketed off from the start in the Avenue Chase and proceeded to virtually kick several of the fences out of the ground before holding the challenge of Jugador by a whisker.

of Jugador by a whisker.

However, having survived all Fearless Imp's attempts to get rid of him, Bell – who looks after The Mighty Mac and Rathgorman at Harewood – was "unseated" by the siewards who found that Fearless Imp had interfered with Jugador by humping him near the finish bumping him near the finish. Jugador was awarded the race and

Bell receive a two-day suspension.

This was the second time during the afternoon that fortune smiled on he had deputized for Steve Smith Eccles - injured in an earlier race -on Duke of Milan, who made all the running to beat the favourite, A Kinsman. The winner and runnerup are both above-average novice

Harveystown underlines Irish novice strength

From Our Irish Correspondent

Further evidence that this year's were trying to give him weight crop of Irish novice chasers is the best for some years came, at recewis probably Sicilian Answer Leopardstown yesterday when Harveystown, the only novice in the field, proved too good for his dozen opponents of far greater experience down. He was galloping very that the Findles Hardlesn Chase over the street was galloping very smoothly at the time. field, proved too good for his dozen opponents of far greater experience in the Findus Handicap Chase over three miles. As his regular partner Brendan Sheridan is still nursing an injured shoulder, it turned out to be a chance ride for Tommy Carmody, and he rode one of his best races to overcome both the flattering Young Driver and a wandering loose horse.

Harveystown appeared to have very little room going into the final furlong but a small gap opened and Carmody drove his mount through. Harveystown, a six-year-old, was the youngest runner in the field and only three of his opponents, Royal Bond, Drumlergan and Kilkilowen,

smoothly at the time

This afternoon is Black and White day at Leopardstown with the scotch whisky firm sponsoring a handicap hurdle and a handicap chase over two miles. Southern Music, disqualified for carrying the wrong weight after winning the Black and White Hurdle at Fairyhouse, is my fancy to gain compensation while Peter McCreery has a lively lightweight. Good Example, to represent him in the chase, the weights for which are headed by a former champion over this distance. Drumsora

Results from four meetings

Chepstow

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12.45 KENNINGTON CHASE (Novices: 21.814: Brave Husser ES.70. Pidchols (3-1 Jt Feb) 3 TOTE: Wire ES.70. Piscose: £1.70, £1.50. £1.50. Pr. 10.40. ESF: £25.85. J Webber et Banbury. 24 214. Cross Master (65-1) 4th. 16 1-15 LADBROKE HURDLE (Handicen: £2,351: 2ml.

TOTE: Wire P5.60: Places: £1.90, £3.30, £3.70, DF: £22.20, CSF: £63.48. Tricast: £755.08. B Bacross et Kingsbridgs. £3, \$1. Border Sun (14-1) 4th. Destiny Bey (11-4 few). 13 ren. 2.15 FELTHAM CHASE (Novices: Grade R. 26,881: 3m) DURCE OF HELAM for g by Milan - Smart Answer 6-11-4 F Baudamore 68-0 1 A Kinsman - 10 Durn (13-6 tor) 2 Halb Glora - H Device (8-4) 3 TOTE: Wir: 23.10, Places: £1.50, £1.50, DF: 22.50, CSP; 25.07. N Gaselee at Lembourn, 21/4, 30f. Roudster (25-1) 4th. 6 ren. NR: Melle.

2.45 AVENUE CHASE (22.169: 2m) UGADOR br g by Jacija – Janetia 8-11-5 P Scarlamore (

3.15) EGHAM HURDLE 3-y-c: Novices: £590; 2m 47)

TOTE: Whit: 28.50. Places: 29.40, 29.60, 21.70. DF: 290.40, 29.50. Places: 29.40, 29.60, 21.70. DF: 290.40, 29.57: 27.48. N Henderson at Lambourn. 31, 81, Woodscowere (12-1) 4th. 21 ran. NR: Paddy O'Matley, TOTE DOUBLE: 2148.50. TREBLE: 278.80. JACKPOT: Not woo. PLACEPOT: 27.40, Wetherby

1.0 ST JOHN AMBULANCE CHASE (Novices £2,008; 2m 50yd) Equation of the second of the

TOTE: Wire 52.40. Places: 21.30, £1.50, 21.50. DF: 22.40. CSP: 65.26. M W Easterby at Shariff Huston. M, M. Cornering (100-30) 4th.9

2.10 LONG MARSTON HURDLE (Herdica £2,287: 2m)

TOTE: Wire 24.60. Plecag: 21.50, 22.70, 23.10. DP: 243.20, CSP: 258.27. N Crutago at Middleham. 1/4, 61. Cardinal Power (11-8 law). Crackfull (10-1) 481, 9 ran. NR: Corven. 2.40 TOWTON CHASE (Handicat: 22,872: Sr

TORREON ch g by Tola Rocket — La Harve (Mrs G Raeve) 7-11-1 J J J O'Nell (2-1 tav) 1 (todos _______ D Dutton (7-2) 2 Canten ______ N Doughty (14-1) 3 TOTE: Wrc 23.30. Places: 21.70. 21.60, 22-10. DF: 24.80, CSF: 210.94. TRICAST: 275.18, M H Eastery at Great Harton. 4, 81. Righthand Man (9-2) 4th. 11 ran.

PLACEPOT: 286.66.

Wolverhampton

1.0: 1, Sentelle King (evens tar); 2, Master Sice Key (10-1); 3, Invincible Shecker (11-9, 13 ren. NP: Arrowood Junction, Highland Gold, Royal Brave, Spot The Patch; 1,3b: Ladbury Let (6-1); 2, Slave Bracken (5-2 tar); 3, Forest Lodge (25-1), 9 ren, NP: Uneung, Royal Relater. Royal Bishop. 2.0: Tapie's Lad (4-1); 2, Berrysville (7-4 lev); 3, 2.0: Tasie's Lad (4-1); 2, Barrysville (7-4 lav); 3, Lauribaun (4-1); 8 rm.
2.30: West Tip (2-5 fav); 2, Royal Norman (8-1); 3, Colisins (8-1); 4 rm. Nft: Bee Sting, Speedy Bee, The Welder.
3.0: Winstein Down (10-1); 2, Erec-So-Sura (8-2); 3. The Contribion (50-1); 4. Dropetot (8-4), 18. rm. Nft: Hearons Agripot.
3.30: 1, Stor of Someon (14-1); 2, Grundy Glow (25-1); 3, Locitototale (12-1), 17 rm. Triple Jump (4-5 fav).

 Dingbet, 20-length winner of the Newsboy Handicap Chase at Chepstow yesterday, will make a quick reappearance under a penalty next week, either at Newbury or

Killing Time had to be put down after falling at the first fence in the Kennington Novices' Chase at Kennton yesterday.

Mr Lestie Wolstenholme a spectator, was taken to St Fames's Hospital in Leeds after being kicked by Crackhill in the pre-parade ring before the Long Marston Handicap Hurdle at Wetherby, yesterday.

Australia expect Cash to deliver

Melbourne (Renter) — Paul McNamee, in what he called "The best match I ever played" and Mark Edmonsdson, overpowered Anders Parryd and Hans Simonsson, of Sweden, to give Australia a 2-1 lead in the Davis Cap final with a 6-4, 6-4 feet the called in the Davis Cap final with a 6-4, 6-4 feet the called in the Davis Cap final with a 6-4, 6-4 feet the called in the Capital Cap

4. 6-2 victory in the doubles at Kooyong yesterday.

The triumph pat Austraia within one victory of winning the Divis Cup for the first time since 1977, and they will be favoured to do so in the first of the reverse singles today when Pat Cash faces Joakim Nystrom.

John Fitzgerald, who beat Nystrom westerday and Mats

Nystrom. John Fitzgerald, who beat Nystrom yesterday, and Mats Wilander, Cash's conqueror on the first day, will meet in the final match of the tie.

Hams Olsson, the Sweffish captain, admitted his confidence was eliminate and the his confidence.

thought might be easier to win.

Fraser said his doubles pair had not played particularly well when they won the Australian Open title two weeks ago, but yesterday that been their best display in the Davis Cup. McNamee gave an outstanding Cup. McNamee gave an outstanding performance, which he said was the pinnacle of his career. "That for me was the masch of my life." he said. In 1980 or 1982 he won the Wimbledon doubles title playing

with Peter McNamara.

Edmondson, provided sound
support throughout and his powers
ful first serve was a constant
problem for the Swedish pair.

unforced volleying errors.

Jarryd, replaced by Nystrom in Sweden's singles line up for the tie. double-faulted in the third game of the opening set to give Australia the critical break, and games went with serve until McName set in the tenth game.

The second set was similar. In the third set the Australians immediately tightened their grip. Simble sion lost his serve in the fifth gain and Jarryd surrendered his in. seventh
McNamee and Edmondson ax

in the Davis Cup, having won all four encounters. Simonon and Jarryd now have a 6-2 winning record in cup ties, and McNambe said he had lost to the Swedes three

olsson denied suggestions the Swedish players had been confident about the to after winning Australia's two main grass count championships Wilander won the

6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 on Monday, will be 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 on Monday, will be under enormous pressure to keep Swedish hopes alive in the light match today. If he wins Sweden would be favoured to take the ite through Wilander, who gave through Elad yesterday with his 6-3, 4-6, 9-7, 6-3 victory over Cash. That, however, would be to independ the state of the

dous will to win in Davis Cup singles.

that Sweden appear to have yet another fine tennis player in the making as he won the Orange Bowl Championships here (AFP reports).

Carlsson, took the title safter beating Emilio Sanchez, of Spain, 6-2, 6-4 in the final

YACHTING

From John Robers

Sydney Throughout Monday night and Tuesday, the British team in the Southern Cross Cnp. sponsored by Hitachi, have played leap-frog with the New South Wales team for second place, behind the very strong New Zealand Team. At the Tam compulsory radio report on Tuesday, the three British yachts were bying third (Panda), twelth (Indulgence) and twenty-second (Jack), which puts them two points ahead of New South Wales.

However, by three in the

However, by three in the afternoon, when the next report was made, they had dropped to 22 points behind New South Wales, a situation due more to that team's improvement than to a decline in

the British positions.

During this 24 hour period fleet have sailed into 30 southerly winds, which have as a number of retirements with a number of refrencess with gar-failure and injury. The forecast for the next 24 hours was for the wind to ease to 10 to 15 knots, and swing to the north-east, conditions that should favour the British.

should favour the British.

But it is going to need a dramable change of form for the British, or any one else to cauch or overtake the New Zealanders. Their yachts were lying first, second and fifth of the Southern Cross Cup competitor, yesterday afternoon, and as a team, they are 92 points ahead of their nearest rival

nearest rival.

A long way in front of the rest of the fleet, the battle of the manithe fleet, the battle of the maci yachts continued between the Bernndian yacht Condor and her arch rival, Nirvana, from the United States. Condor took the lead tharing Tuesday night, and for most of Wednesday held a three-mile advantage over Nirvana.

But the Sydney sloop, Apollo, emerged as a surprise challenger to the leading contenders. Condor led by one mile and a half from Nirvana after covering 60 miles in the eight hours between radio reports. At that point, the leaders had travelled about one-third of the 630-nautical mile journey to Hobart. But Apollo,

mile journey to Hobert. But Apollo, helmed by Warwick Rooklyn, closed the gap on her begger rivals in a day of cat and mouse tactics. While Condor and Nirvana White Condor and Nirvania chased each other further out to sea in search of more wind, Rooklyn chose to stay closer to shore. After the ploy worked, as Apollo closest the gap by more than two-and-si-haif miles. By sunset, the Sydney sloop was in third place, only three miles astern of Nirvana.

TEAM STANDAGE: 1, New Zeeland, 1938 pts; 2, New South Wales, 442; 2, Britain, 1930 pts; 2, New South Wales, 442; 2, Britain, 1930 pts.

Fontwell Park

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Josh Gifford



Fontwell selections

By Michael Seely 1.0 French Bob. 1.30 Cut A Dash. 2.0 Presceena Wood: 2.30 Waterhead. 3.0 Altaghaderry Run. 3.30 Oula Owl.

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elli, 5-2 Dinner Date, 5 Princess Saluki, 6 Picotse, 8 Cider

2.0 EDWARD COURAGE CHASE (handicap: £3,303:

Evens Helf Free, 3 Saint Teffy, 5 Bashful Lad, 8 2.30 TINY TIM HURDLE (Handicap: £1,388; 2m) (16)

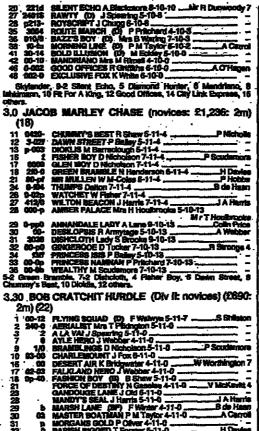
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Newcastle

GOING: Soft 12.45 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: novices: £724: 2m 120yds) (17 runners) 212 ALBERTAT Danys Smith 11-1 ______ 2100 GILDED STRACONEN (B) G Lockerble 11-1

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9 2241 SWIFT ALBANY (D) R Robinson 9-10-11 2 Dusky Duke, 4 Chebble, 5 Snow Blessed, 13-2 Magic Tipp, 9 Swift berry, 10 Ronen Paul, 18 others.



DE MASTER BOATMAN P M Taylor 4-11-0

DE MORGANS GOLD P CAMP 4-11-0

DE PARISH RIGGED T Former 5-11-0

LITTE JUSTICE (S) K Morgan 4-11-0

CHITE JUSTICE (S) K Morgan 4-11-0

CHICSTRIPY JOS A Chamberton 4-11-0

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Holmes points to a future without manager Don King.

Initials denote a confusion of champions

Holmes can stir up this murky alphabet soup

years boxing champions have been identified as if they were physicians or scholars, with initials resembling degrees. For five years and a half Larry Holms was the heavyweight champion, WBC, as in World Boxing Council, not to be confused with WBA, as in World Boxing Association. But now he is Larry Holmes, heavyweight champion, IBF, as in International Boxing Federation, a new group of American boxing politicians struggling for

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stature. Not that Holmes needs any initals. With his record of 45 wins (32 knockouts) and no defeats he has earned acceptance by the boxing public as the only heavyweight champion.

But in changing political parties, so to speak, Holmes has emerged as a free agent.

No longer obligated to the promoter, Don King, who has long been aligned with the WBC legislators, Holmes is free to talk to any promoter. He is also free to promote his own bouts. notably a showdown with Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, the WBA tile holder.

Reluctant

"I just want to be free," Holmes said recently. "I don't want a promoter telling me what to do."

Holmes wants to tell promoters what to do instead. But he no longer wants to work with Don King, and he is reluctant to work with Bob Arum, who deals mostly with WBA bouts. In speaking of the possibility of promoting the Coetzee bout himself, along with others, he mentioned "selling my rights" for a \$30m guarantee.

Because of Holmes's new young. freedom, Madison Square Garden, New York is being considered as the site of the Holmes-Coetzee bout, probably in June. Holmes has been offered an estimated \$25m (£16.5m) to meet Coetzee, a meeting which he would copromote. Holmes's new promotional firm arranged the worldwide television bonanza for the bout, according to John Con-don, the boxing president of the Gon, the boxing president of the Garden. Holmes has been offered 40 per cent of the Garden's live gate, potentially about \$1m in return for holding the bout, the Garden would retain 60 per cent of the live gate, potentially about \$1.5m.

There was also talk at one stage of the bout being held at Giants Stadium in the Meadow-

Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands, New York. Yet to be heard from is Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the site of virtually all the big-money title bouts in recent years.
What is settled is Holmes's

determination to be his own man. His new IBF initials seem. to stand for "I've Broken Free" from Don King, who once managed him early in his career

New York (NYT) - In recent and who, as a promoter, cars boxing champions have remained as his manager for all practical purposes.

According to Holmes, he received only \$4.5m for his 13th-round knockout of Gerry Cooney in their 1982 title bout, which King, Tiffany Pro-ductions and Caesars Palace promoted. Holmes believes that Cooney received about \$9.5m, "Cooney got more than I did,

lot more," Holmes said. Holmes also felt short-changed when he agreed to defend his WBC title against Greg Page, of Louisville, now the No.1 contender in the WBC

rankings, for \$2.5m sometime

in February or March. "I know I could get maybe £5m for Page, but I signed an agreement and I was struck," he said. "I had to take the \$2.5m or go to court.

Instead, at the WBC convention in Las Vagas earlier this month, Holmes resigned as its champion, immediately recog-nized by the new IBF as its champion, he is now talking about defending the IBF title against John Tate, briefly the WBA champion, but no longer a respected contender.

Eventually, of course, Holmes hopes to unify the heavyweight title. He could do that by dethroning Gerrie is the WBA o then dethroning either Greg Page or Tim Witherspoon, who have been selected by the WBA to duel for its vacated title.

"That's why I want to fight Coetzee in June, no later," Holmes said. "I can't wait for him. I'm getting old. I realize what everbody wants me to do get old. Holmes is 34, not elderly yet, but certainly not

Champions

In all the boxing divisions now, there are only two undisputed champions, meaning those recognized by both the WBC and WBA, only two champions who don't require mitials after their names -Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the middleweight champion, Michael Spinks, the light-heavyweight champion,

One of boxing's problems is its different champions in so many divisions - usually one for the WBC and Don King, one for the WBA and Bob

With so many champions, the television networks always can advertise a title fight. But jnow that Larry Holmes is free. perhaps he can eliminate all those initials, all that murky alphabet soup that now has produced the current confusion of three heavyweight cham-pions. In one world, each division should have only one world champion.

Spartan fare for bantams

Campobasso, Italy (Reuter) ~ Festive treats have been denied Walter Giorgetti, of Italy, and John Feeney, the British challenger, who contest the European bantamweight championship been today. championship here today.

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Denny Mancini, Feeney's manager. said his charge had been following a similarly spartan regime during the build-up to his chird attempt at the European title. The British champion, aged 25, will be be the said of the build be the build be the build be the said of the build be hoping it will be a case of third time lucky in an Italian ring. In June, 1981, he lost on points to

valerio Nati, and a year later was outpointed again, this time by Guiseppe Fossati, from whom Giorgetti took the title six months

ago.

Feeney said he had been counting



Feeney: third time lucky?

on meeting Fossati again and had found out only recently that the title had passed to Giorgetti, about whom he admitted knowing

"frankly nothing".

Giorgetti, who has won 14 of his
16 professional contests, will be making his second defence of the title since he outpointed Fossati. In September he defeated Ignacio Martinez Antunez, of Spain, when the referee stopped the bout in the seventh round because of a cut over the spaniard's eye. Today's contest will be over 12 rounds.

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6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. New at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; today's television previewed at 6.55; a review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; Mike Smith's oo news between 7.30 and 8.00; Esther Rantzen's That's Life file between 7.30 and 8.00 and again between 8.30 and 9.00; horoscopes at 8.35.

9.00 The New Adventures of Flash Gordon. Gremlin and the Dragon plus Royal Wedding, 9.25 Why Don't You . . .? Ideas Wacky Races (r), 10.00 Play Chees! Bill Hartston begins a new series, 10.10 Jackanory. Andrew Burt with part two of 10.25 Paddington goes to Court (r), 10.30 Play School, presented by Elizabeth presented by Elizabeth Maribank and Iain Lauchian, 10.65 Hokey Cokey, 11.10 Three Tail Tales. Donald Duck

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1.50 Film: Dodge City (1939) starring Errol Flynn as the man who tames the wild west town. Directed by Michael Curtiz. 3.30 The World of Stani rev. His career charted

4.20 Heyyy, It's the King (r), 4.30 Jacksnory with Colin Jeavons, Roy Kinnear and Simon Shepherd in part one of James 4.45 Guilliver's Travels, An anknated cartoon (r), 5.35 lvor the Engine. Oliver Postgate's steaming hero in Cold Sheep

5.40 News with Frances Coverdale. 5.50 Regional news magazines.

6.00 Film: The Great Escape (1962) starring Steve McQueen, James Garner and Richard Attenborough. World War Two escape from Stalag Luft North story, based on fact. Lots of stiff upper lips and a from Steve McQueen: A strong supporting cast includes Charles Bronson, Donald Directed by John Sturges.

8.45 News, with John Humphrys 9.98 The Best of Three of a Kind. Highlights of the awardinning comedy series stating Lenny Henry, Tracey Uliman and David Copperfield. \$30 Review*83 presented by Fred

Emery and Sue Lawley. The most memorable and sometimes amusing events of the past year. (see choice).

18.58 Phil Silvers" as Sergeant Bilko, the flyest NCO in the United States Army, this week with an aliergy (r).

11.15 Nen v Wonten. An international golf challenge played over nine holes of the Duke's Course at Wobirn.

Tonight Germany's Bernhard Larger plays Sandra Haynia of the United States. The commentator is Peter Alliss.

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain

presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. The morning papers reviewed at 6.25; news at 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; exercises at 5.45 and 5.55; Jeni Barnett's pick of the year at 6.40 and 8,33; with a celebrity as he or she visits their home town at 7.45; pop their home town at 7.45; pop video of the year at 7.53; magic moments at 8.05; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; and cookery from Michael Barry at 8.45, 9.00 Roland's Winter Wonderlan

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9.25 Thames news headines followed by Sesame Street in which The Muppets make learning a bit of fun 10.25 Films GETIMA METI (1979). A HIBMA-for television movie starring Ben Murphy as Sam Casey, an agent for an organization called Intersect, who, after an underwater accident discovers that he has the ability to become invisible at will. Directed by Alan Levi

12.00 Button Moon, Puppet adventures of the Spoon family 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets 12.30 Look Who's Talking, Derek Batey with Paul Squire.

1.00 News with Leonard Parido 1.20 Thames news 1.30 30 Years On. Peter Alliss looks back to the year 1953 - a memorable year by any standards with the Queen's coronation, the conquest of Everest and the winning of the Ashes by England for the first time in 20 years (r) 2.30 A

3.30 Film: The Thief of Baghdad (1978) starring Roddy McDowell, Peter Ustings and Terence Stamp. The Arabian Night's story about the good and kindly but penniless Prince Taj who enlists the help of a thirt in a race with the wicked and wily Wazir for the hand of the Caliph's daughter, Princess Yasmine, Directed by Clive Donner

5.15 Benjî at Marineland. The crafty canine tries to scuba-dive and wins the heart of 5.45 News 6.00 Thames news

6.35 Crossroads. Glenda Banks begins to get labour pains at the Christmas party. 7.00 Name That Tune. Fast moving

musical quiz compered by Tom O'Connor 7.30 Coronation Street, Rita receives a visit from the mystery woman who tells her

about her relationship with Rita's late husband 8.00 Jim Davidson's Specia Variety show presented by the Cockney comedian.

9.00 Chessgame. The final part of the spy mystery and Dr Audley and his team research the background of two Oxford students - one of whom has recently met a violent death. Their investigations lead to a surprising encounter by Terence Stamp

10.15 Film: Carrie (1976) starring Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie and John Travolta, A really gory tale of a Plain Jane hightellow pupils and sexually suppressed by her mother -who discovers she has the faculty of telekenists, the ability to move things at a distance without touching them. The fainthearted should be warned about the gruesome ending. Directed by Brian de Palma 12.10 Night Thoughts from Max Sinclair

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sleepwalks and is in constant fear of death. Why should this

be? With Virginia McKenna,

Noodward. The director is

Harry Palmer in the second of Len Deighton's spy thrillers. This time Harry is

the Russian intelligence who

has made overtures to the West about defecting. Is he bluffing? Harry has to find out.

11.10 News with John Humphrys

11.15 Film: Horse Feathers' (1932)

starring the Marx Brothers.

Groucho becomes the head of

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9.30 Film: Funeral in Berlin (1966)

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Warren Clark and Time

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5.55 News summary with subtitles

6.00 World Snooker: The Year of

Professional Snooks

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Thorburn score the first

Championship and Steve

to win the title twice

8.15 Play: The Case of the

4.20 A Walton Special. The last of

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1947, a few days before

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how things move

3.20 Machines in Motion.

1.40 Film Presenting Lily Mars*

● Edgar Wallace's classic stage play, THE CASE OF THE FRIGHTENED LADY (BBC 2 8.15pm) has been faithfully adapted for television by Victor Pemerton. Starring Virginia Pernerton, Starring Virginia McKenna and Tim Woodward, the play is set in the sumptuous Sussex seat of the Lebanon's, an

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1.00 Musicians. A documentary about the Sri Lankan brothers

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2.60 World Badminton Championships 1983. The man's singles final between Liem Swie King and Icuk

Rohan and Druvi de Saram; one a classical cellist, the

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3.00 Film: Take Me Out to the Bal

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5.35 Elidns in Igrael, in the third of six talks Michael Elidns talks about the history of modern laraet War and the New Society. 5.59 Shipping Forecast. 5.35 Weather, Programme News.
8.50 The Six O'Clock News.
8.15 The Best of Malgret. A selection of plays from the series, Simenon's Maigret. Tonight: Malgret in Society. With Maurice Denham as Malgret and Michael Gough as Simenon (*).
7.80 News.

1.90 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Poison

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18.30 Morning Sander.
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18.45 Joy to the World. The Message of the Christ Child. Christmas words and music.
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Munshin 4.45 Film: Victoria the Great* (1937) starring Anna Neagle as the queen with Anton Walbrook as her consort, Albert. A straightforward biography of the longest reigning monarch that ran for more than a year in London and won an award at the Venice Film Festival, Directed

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8.90 Brookside, It's New Year's Eve and party-time in the Close where the Jackson's festivities spill out on to the 8.35 What the Dickens! by Heathcote Williams. A

Victorian entertainment set in Dickens's Devonshire Terrace house and based on Dickens's love of conjuring.

10.90 Land of the Lakes. The first of three programmes in which Melvyn Bragg talks about and explores the area of his birthplace. In this programme

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7.80 News.
7.85 The Archers.
7.20 After Dinner Sport. Dinner - and discussion - of sporting memories of 1983. With Pener de Savery, Hugh Midvanney and Robin Marier.
8.80 Coward at Christmas. "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward. With Paggy Ashcroft, Tony Britton and Millicent Martin, Julia Foster and Maurice Derittam (r).
8.30 Kaleidoscope. An extended interview with the American screen actress Shirley screen actress Shirley

MecLaine. The interviewer is Michael Billington, 8.59
Weather.
The World Tonight: News.
Conversations with Domingo.
The great Spanish tenor talks to Daniel Snowman in the first of two programmes. Totalght, he talks about what he considers to be the ideal opera for a newcomer to tackle – La Boheme, He also explains the

mysterious midsummer manhunt on August Bank Holiday, 1927. The story-teller is Miles Kington. And we also hear the voice of the man involved in the newspaper sturit. Mr W. T. Chinn, the criginal Mr Lobby Lud way he approaches the major roles he plays. Snowman interviewed the singer earlier his year in Andalusia where he was filming Bizet's opera. 12.30 Just A Minute.112.65 Weather;

Programme News.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (by Belt' by Sk Arthur Conan Doyle (3). The reader is Peter Pacey. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. the Liberal Party). 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Twins, Jocelyn Ryder-Smith investigates the fact and fiction about the special relationship of 11.30 Son of Cache.† 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather, 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

twins. 2.45 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No 26 (2): board Typimisty to be (c): Everything in the Garden ... The story of Bill Campbell (Vili the Clown). News: Afternoon Theatre. The Cinderella Connection by Sarah Cindersia Combined by Salan Maxwell, A version of the Cindersia story, set in a randown Brooklyn house with a beliroom, and starring Harry Towb, Miriam Margolyes, Blain Fairman, Norma Ronald, Helen Lance Margolyer, Peter

Horton, Peter Marinker, Peter Whitman and Sarah Maxwell. With Richard Homes (plano) and Pat Halling (violin).†
4.00 Down Your Way. A look back on

7.05 Morning Concert: part one.
Colerdige-Taylor (A Christmas
Overture, Op 7), Weber (Andentu
and Hungarian Rondo, Op 35).
Melcolm Willemson (cantata: The World at the Manger), Leopold Mozart (Toy 8.00 News.

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4.85 Morning Concert: part two. Vivalid (Concerts for two Virginia and orchestra (TV 537).
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Schwarzkopf and Berän Radio otra (TV 537).

9.00 News. 9.85 This West's Composer: Resplight, Delta Silvane (Robert Teer and orch), Bella ports di rubini: E se un glorno tornese: with Elsa Resplight, mezzo). Spnata in B minor; and Stornelistice (Gedda and Gerald Mooral!

19.98 Ander Foldes Plays Beethover: Sonata in F minor, Op 2 No 1; Sb: Bagatelles, Op 128; Sonata in G major, Op 14 No 2!

18.58 English Chamber Orchestra: with Ann Murray (mazzo). Locatell's introduzione Tees in D. Op 4 No 5, Scarlett's Motel: Jam sole Clarior, Noose, Jam sole Caleror, Handel's Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 9, and, at 11.30, Handel's cantaits O Numi sternic Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op 6 No 87

Strauss: Wind Ensemble of Scottish Chamber Orch play the Symphony No 21 1,06 News,

1.86 Jazz Greats: Miles Kington with records of the Scots clarinettist Sandy Brownt 1.38 Matine Musicale: BBC Concert
Orch with John Williams (guitar).
Ernest Tomlinson's Concert Jig.
Elgar's Mins, Marcello arr
Williams's Concerto in C minor
(first perfomence in this version),
Glinley's Kamarinskala. Williams's Concern in this version), Glinky's Kemarinskala, Granados's Intermazzo (Goyescas), Barrios's Two Walizas; (El utilino cancion), and Smetana's Police Furiant (Dance

2.30 Delmé String Caustret: Haydn's String Caustret. Op 20 No 5, McCabe's String Guertet No 4 (1st performance) and, at 3.29 (1st performance) and, at 3.2 Schubert's String Quartet, D

4.90 Choral Evensong: from Portsmouth Cathedral, With Anthony Froggett, organist A.SS News.

5.00 Orchestras on their Home Ground: Today – Germany and Austria. Wagner's Prelude to Act 1 (Lohengrin) – Vienna Phit; Strauss's Symphonic Poem Don Juan – Dresden State Orch; Schoebert's Verdente Nacht Schoenberg's Verklante Nacht, Op 4 – Berlin Phil; Webern's Passacaglia Op 1 – Berlin Phil and Strauss's The Blue Danube Vienna SOt

8.30 Julius Patzaic the Vienneen tenor on records in a Lieder recital. Works by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Strauss, and Mehler (Der Trunkene im Fruhling from Das Lied von der prieht 7.00 Brahms: Sonata in A, Op 100 for

violin and piano, and Sonata in E stat, Op 120 No 2, for viola and piano - with Pinchas Zukerman (violin and viola) and Marc Neikrug (piano). Part onet Camerarities: Michael Horden reads this sixth, and final, vignette by Colin McLaren – Sweet Struting in the Choir.

7.55 Brahms: part two, Sonata in D minor, Op 108 for violin and pianof 8.25 Stx Continents: foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.

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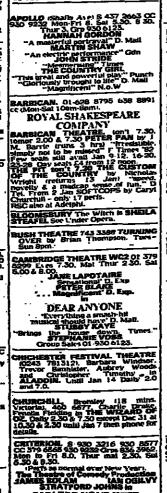
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took over must be translated into votes in those contests if the party is to see off the Alliance and reestablish itself as the unrivalled alternative to the Thatcher Government

Because he believes the elections will be regarded as a verdict by the electorate on the first year of the Government's second term, Mr Kinnock wants to inspire the interest of party activists and workers in the elections to Strasbourg - some-thing about which they have never been too enthusiastic.

For a party trying to rebuild its popular support there are obvious drawbacks in treating the European elections as a mid-term test, and those are the expected low poll and the tendency among many voters to believe that their best interests in Europe are served by electing members of the Government

Mrs Thatcher's fairly buoyant outlook for the next decade was reflected in her new year interview with Reader's Digest, in which she looked forward to "an era of enterprise".

For years it had been said that Britain was drifting, that having lost an empire she had not yet found a role, Mrs Thatcher said.
"Well I want the 1980s to be

the decade when we get back on course. We have the courage, the compassion and the inventi-veness. all the ingredients of great nations. What can hold us back? Only ourselves. We must never again allow state monopoly to replace competition or collectivism to strangle individual endeavour."
She hoped that Britain in the

late 1980s would be a society in which substantially better provision could be made for the elderly, the sick and the disabled and in which the state existed for the individual and not the individual for the state, 'a place where Britons will find greater scope for their creativity and far higher rewards for their efforts".

Mrs Thatcher said that the country might in some ways "be a chillier, bumpier, less cosy place but infinitely more invigorating".

The Prime Minister's warning of the possibility of a chillier and bumpier way ahead was described vesterday by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, as an admission that she had "swindled" the electorate last June, and that millions had been cheated into

Year in which the shy princess blossomed into a royal









The Princess of Wales's many faces: The glittering royal personage; adoring mother; understanding hospital visitor and a target of fashion editors' criticism.

By Alan Hamilton It was an unlikely ear, that of the hitherto obscure Prime Minister of Newfoundland, into which the Prin-

cess of Wales unloaded her most intimate public thoughts of the year. "I am finding it very difficult", she admitted, "to cope with the pressures of being Princess of Wales, but I am learning to cope. I have matured a lot recently and got used to coping with things." The hitherto obscure Prime Minister wasted only as much time as it takes to assemble the royal press corps before ensuring that the Princess's confidences were made known to the entire world. It is one of the things she finds difficult to cope

Her public would not quibble with her assessment of her progress. During 1983 the Princess had

as the media market leader of the planet, her frailties of shyness and temperament merely magnifying the affection felt towards her.

What hastened her maturity was the experience of two overseas tours, to Canada and the Antipodes, on which she learned to live with staring crowds of a quarter of a million at the time. She had to endure an occasional skirmish with what she called the "wolf pack" of the press, but much worse, in both Canada and Australia, the massed bitching of fashion editors who derided her clothes as being far too severe and matronly.

No matter; she actually created new jobs in the British shoe industry during the year as the nation's tall women flocked to follow her example

She and the Prince of Wales enhanced, and more importantly has achieved other, more positive results survived, her unchallenged position on their two main foreign tours. Even

the Soviet Union and four other communist nations on the organizing committee agreed that the Royal couple were the ideal people to open the World University Games in Edmonton, Alberta. On the same tour, the French Canadian press displayed particular warmth towards them, although their programme delicately avoided any official engagements in Quebec.

In Australia, the reception can have been of no benefit whatsoever to Australia's slow drift towards becoming a Commonwealth republic.

The Princess elicited sympathy from the unlikeliest quarters. Early in the year, when reports of her private lonliness and unhappiness at the role into which she had been cast were rife in the British press, the Harbin Daily, a provincial paper in the north-east of the People's Republic of

mother's simplicity and natural Leatherhead, the Pre-School Playgroups Association, and The Albany, a London east end community associ-At home, 1983 was the year in which the Princess blossomed into a fully fledged professional royal Her public engagements during the year largely reflected those specific interests. Her diary for 1983 shows

"the firm". During the year the Princess agreed to become patron of seven new organizations; The Wales Craft Council, Swansea Festival of Music and Arts, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the British Deaf Association, the

personage, rather than being a mere

decorative junior partner in what her

mother-in-law privately refers to as

National Children's Orchestra, London City Ballet, and the youth and junior division of the British Red Cross Society.

She was already patron of the Malcolm Sargeant Cancer Fund for

therefore considerably fuller than in the previous year, when much of her time was taken up with the birth of Prince William. She has become one of the busiest members of the Royal Family, although her husband was slightly

ahead of her in 1983 with 52 public engagements. Among many other duties, the Princess opened six hospitals, a shopping centre and a bridge, was made a Freeman of the Children, Welsh National Opera, the Grocers' Company, opened a toy Royal School for the Blind at factory in Peterlee, visited a housing

that she carried out 76 public engagements, of which 45 were without her husband. Her diary was

estate in Glasgow and a marmalade factory in Dundee, and delighted the Chelsea pensioners with her presence on Founder's Day.

But her forte, which occupied her ost and saw her most at ease, was visiting the very young, the very old, and the sick, to whom she brought 2 touching directness

Although observers continue to fret about her thinness, there is general agreement that the Princess is displaying much greater confidence and measur- ably greater ease in her

There is no more remarkable evidence of her universal appeal than her appearance during 1983, with her year-old son, on a commemorative stamp issued by the postal authorities of North Korea, a country not hitherto known for its embrace of indefinable ideals of constitutional

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Today's events

Concert by The Hilliard Ensemble. Randolph Hotel, exford, 8. Last chance to see

Work by Alison Britton. ceramics, Brian Illsley, still life on paper, Michael Rothenstein, new prints. Diana Hobson, pate de verre revived: Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford: 10 to 5 (ends today). Crafts For Christmas; Leicester-shire Guild of Craftsman, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, Leicestershire; 10 to

Winners of competition for British

- 1 Horse one girl gives another (8). 9 Muslin I got in non-soak material (8).
- 19 A revolutionary transport aid 7 French author knocked down? 11 Odd traits include love of essayist - and of philosopher 12 Generous, but might have to be
- 13 Right about the church being on the rocks? (6).
- 14 He was associated with Holmes 17 Extremely good article features - and the violin, in general (8). 15 Pompous, looking down on 18 Vessel a servant upset in the others? (7).
- 16 Earl has disorder in joint, 19 Lowers dam seen to crumble causing disfigurement (7). 20 Mixed drink - preferred cold in 21 Call to make advances, perhaps
- Aberdeen, perhaps (4,4). 22 Inclined to be overactive at 24 Always cut head off? (4). board meetings? (6). 23 Harsh archaeologist seen on
- Mississippi, perhaps (5-7). 25 Book for Rugby boys, in short (4).
- 26 Revolver charged? (8). 27 Established joiner in smart surroundings (8).
- 2 Hals' cheerful subject, for one
- 3 This may help to immobilise an expiring motorist (12).
- 4 Merciful treatment for the foreign relative embracing the

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New exhibition Image - last of a series of three exhibitions sponsored by the Arts Council Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8. **Exhibitions in progress**

Harveys History of Wine Collection at the Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster. Mon to Thur 10 to 5. Sun 2 to 5. closed Fri (until Jan 29). David Donaldson retrospective

City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until Jan 28). Sainsbury's Images for Today:

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Portsmouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Ports-The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,320

mouth. Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5.30 (until Jan 26).
Paintings by Peter Sutton. City
Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 12
to 5, closed Sun and Mon (until Jan

artists, Cartwright Hall, Lister Park,

Bradford: Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon (until Jan 8).

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The Thirty Needlewoman; house hold needlework during the nine-teenth and twentieth centuries, EM Flint Gallery, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45, closed Sun (until Jan 21). The Scottish Crafts Collection, touring exhibition from the Scottish Development Agency, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (until Jan

14).
Colouring Metals is a Crafts
Council exhibition of work by two
contemporary metalworkers,
Michael Rowe and Richard Hughes, Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Jan 8).

Sales guide

London and provincial sales in progress include: Liberty, Regent Street, WI; Dickens and Jones. Regent Street, W1; Debenhams, all branches; Rayne. New Bond Street, WI; Aquasuctum, Regent Street, WI; Jacger, Regent Street and branches; Barkers, Kensington; D. H. Evans, Oxford Street, WI; Scotch

The pound

H. Evans, Oxford Street, WI; Sootch House, 84 and 191 Regent Street, WI; Burberrys, 18-22 Haymarket, SWI; 165 Regent Street, WI, and 64 Buchanan Street, Glasgow; Dingles, Plymouth; Moss Bros, Simpson, Piccadilly, WI; Country Casuals; Bally; Russell and Bromley.

Sales starting today include: British Home Stores; Habitat, London Bedding Centre, Stoare Street, SWI; Selfridges, Oxford Street, WI; Fenwick, New Bond Street, WI; Fenwick, New Bond Street, WI; Dickens and Jones, Richmond and Milton Keynes, Army and Navy, Victoria; Laura Ashley, all branches; Austin Reed, all branches; Austin Reed, all branches; Austin Croydon; Hornes, Woolworth; John Lewis (Jones Brothers and Pratis tomor-(Jones Brothers and Pratts tomor-

The papers

The Daily Nation (independent) of Nairobi comments on the Queen's Christmas message, saying that she called for modern technology to be harnessed to bridge the gap between rich and poor countries, a call it heartily endorses. Instead of narrowing, as expected, as the poor countries modernized their economies, the gap is widening. There have been talks about the need to change the world economic order, but they have remained just that - talks.

Best fiction of 1983

The Literary Editor's selection of novels published this year.

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The Maclaurin Collection – the first exhibition of the Maclaurin art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (until Jan 28).

Home Sweet Home – an exhibition of Victorian Home Life, Portsmouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Portsmouth Mon to Sat 13 to 5, and the sum of the proprietor, by Ann Schlee (Macmillan, £8.95)

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A coin in Nine Hands, by Marguerite Yourcenar, translated by Dori Katz (Aidan E £7.85)

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Entry Into Jerusalem, by Stalley Middleton (Hutchrison, £8.50)

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Rally charges

A new system of charging for the use of Forestry Commission land for motor rallies has been agreed with the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association with

effect from January 1. Under the five-year agreement the charge for commission roads and tracks will be based on the number of miles run, irrespective of he number of starters.

A reduced charge for second and subsequent use of a route in the same rally and for a club event should encourage the staging of dual events, as will the increase in the time allowed for a minor rally from two boars to three hours.

The primary charge will be £110 a mile with a £90 a mile charge for second and subequent use. The previous charge was £1.25 a starter

In recent years the milage length of rally routes on Forestry Commission roads has increased significantly while the number of starters has declined,

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Western Avenue between Horsenden Lane and Medway Parade, new layout, long delays. Wales and West: A303: Wincanton-Ilminster, Somerset, at Holton, resurfacing, temporary lights, re-strictions at Sparkford and resurfacstrictions at Sparktord and resursac-ing and temporary lights at Seavington and Ilminster. A40: Bancylelin-Camarthen, Dyfed, sur-facing, temporary lights, diversion, delays. M5: Junction 26 (Welling-ton) and 27 (Tiverton), resurfacing both carriersmant.

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Crigellachie, Morayshire, land slip, single lane traffic with lights (24 hrs). A803: Road recontruction along Springburn Road, near Hawthorn Street, lane closures, delays. A68: North of Dalkeith, Glasgow, road subsidence, traffic over 30 cwt diverted, northbound, traffic single lane. Information supplied by the AA.

Anniversaries

president of the USA, 1913-21, Staunton, Virginia. 1856; Pio Baroja, novelist. San Schastian. Spain, 1872; Sir Arthur Eddington, Astronomer and physicist, Kendal, Cumbria, 1882. Deaths: Thomas Babington Macaulay, Baron Macanlay, statesman and historian, London, 1859; George Gissing, novelist, author of New Grub Street. St Jean de Luz, France, 1903; Maurice Ravel, composer, Paris,

Today is the Feast of The Holy Innocents. They were the children of Bethlehem who were massacred by Herod (Matthew 2, xvi).

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Weather forecast

A frontal trough will be slow moving over northern Britain as pressure remains high in S. Most of England and Wales will be dry and bright at times.

6am to midnight

London, SE. Centrals, E. SW, NW, Central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales: Mainly dry, some drizzle and fog on hills, bright at times; wind SW, moderate or fresh; very mild, max temp 10 to 13C (50 to 55F).

Lake District. Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, North-ern Ireland: Rain at times; wind SW. moderate or fresh; very mild in places, max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Oc-casional showers, bright intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; near normal temp, max 6 to 8C (43 to 46F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:

Continuing changeable and becoming somewhat colder.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW or W fresh to strong, visibility moderate with fog patches, sea rough. Irish Sea: Wind SW strong occasionally gale, rain at times;

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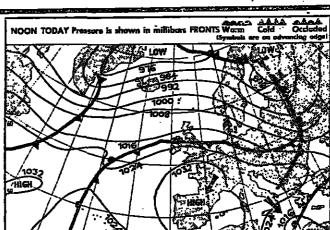
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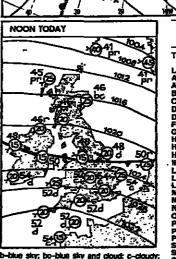
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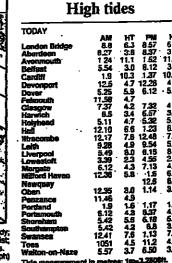
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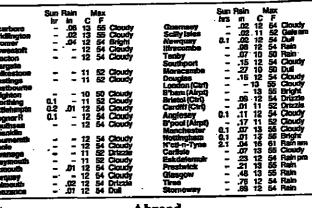
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